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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Washington governor's race: The state's Republicans, still pressing their court challenge to the disputed governor's election, have filed a separate challenge with the state Legislature.

"We did this to cover all our bases," said Mary Lane, a spokeswoman for Dino Rossi, the Republican who narrowly won the original vote count and a mandatory recount. In a hand recount, he lost to Democrat Christine Gregoire by 129 votes out of 2.9 million cast

Gregoire was sworn into office Jan. 12.

Republicans have filed a legal challenge against the hand recount in Chelan County Superior Court, saying mistakes were made and calling for another statewide vote. That same challenge was filed with the Legislature Friday evening, "as an insurance policy," Lane said Saturday.

California mudslide: Friends and family gathered Saturday on a windy beach to bid farewell to 10 people who were killed when a mudslide damaged more than two dozen homes in the free-spirited oceanfront village of La Conchita.

Hundreds of people wearing shorts, sandals and Hawaiian shirts converged for the ceremony in which about 50 surfers paddled 300 yards from shore, the names of the victims were read, and family and friends scattered orchid leis in the waves.

The mudslide on Jan. 10 was triggered by days of heavy rain that turned Southern California into a flood zone. The torrential rain was responsible for 28 deaths in the state.

Boston's Big Dig: Big Dig ramp supports, which were designed to give the ramps smoother lines and greater stability, are attracting unwelcome pigeons and allowing homeless people access to passageways reserved for inspectors.

The bird droppings are unhygienic for inspectors and increase the risk of corrosion, while unauthorized people in passageways pose possible security risks.

Last week, project supervisors decided to spend up to \$500,000 for screens over holes that were designed to give inspectors easy access to the supports but have also allowed pigeons to entier and roost, The Boston Globe reported. Officials have also placed metal rods across doors reachable from the ground, so they can be opened only by authorized personnel.

Cruise ship sickness: More than 250 people aboard a cruise ship fell ill with a stomach virus while touring the western Caribbean, cruise line officials said Saturday.

About 233 of the 3,465 passengers aboard the Mariner of the Seas became sick after the vessel left Port Canaveral on Jan. 16 for a seven-day cruise through the western Caribbean. The ship was expected to return early Sunday.

Twenty of the vessel's 1,190 crew members also showed symptoms.

Michael Sheehan, a spokesman for Royal Caribbean International, described the illness as "your typical 24-hour stomach virus and nothing more" and blamed a sick passenger for bringing it on board.

The Mariner of the Seas was being checked for bacteria, the company said.

War on terrorism

Chinese hostages: Eight Chinese construction workers taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents have been safely transferred to Chinese custody, China's Foreign Ministry said Sunday.

In a statement posted on its Web site Sunday night, the Foreign Ministry said the



Hong Kong elections: Protesters wear inflatable headdresses in the shape of chickens that symbolize the Chinese word for referendum, referring to a referendum on direct elections, as more than 1,000 people held a rally and later marched in downtown Hong Kong on Sunday to demand full democracy and social justice in the Chinese territory. The protesters chanted "Direct elections in 2007 and 2008," the years in which Hong Kong is due a to get when the ender and legislature. This former Britist colony was handed over to Chinese rule in 1997 with a guarantee of democratic political rights that do not exist on the mainland, but many residents who want democracy say Beijing exerts too much control.

eight men were in good health and the Embassy in Baghdad was arranging for their return to China.

The eight men were handed over to an Embassy representative at a mosque in the western city of Ramadi.

"We are gratified that the Chinese citizens were safely released. We wish to show our thanks to those who helped launch rescue efforts," said ministry spokesman Kong Quan.

World

Palestinian girl shot: The family of a 13-year-old Gaza girl shot by an Israeli soldier and shot again by an officer — a case that drew broad international criticism has sued the military, a lawyer said Sunday.

In its appeal to Israel's Supreme Court, the family of Iyman Hams asked to move the case from a military to a civilian court, release the results of the investigation and examine orders that led to the shooting, said lawyer Labib Habib.

Soldiers fired at the girl as she approached a military observation post near the Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip on Oct. 5. The soldiers said they thought she was planting a bomb. The girl's family said she was on her way to school.

Nobel literature laureate on stamp: Elfriede Jelinek, the reclusive winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in literature, has turned down an offer by Austria's post office to feature her image on a stamp, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Jelinek told postal officials she sought "no personal honors" and was uncomfortable with the idea of her face on a stamp, the newspaper Die Presse said. The proposed stamp would have featured her likeness and a reference to the Nobel.

Jelinek did not attend the Dec. 10 Nobel festivities in Stockholm, Sweden, because of what she describes as "a social phohia." She opted instead to receive the award last month in a small ceremony at the residence of the Swedish ambassador in Vienna.

Afghan opium crop: The poppy fields that once crowded every scrap of farmland in eastern Afghanistan have been supplanted —by wheat. Farmers are slashing their cultivation of opium, government and foreign officials say, in a bright start for President Hamid Karzai's U.S.-sponsored campaign against the world's largest illegal narcotics industry.

Nationwide, officials forecast a drop of between 30 percent to 70 percent in this year's crop. In crucial growing areas such as eastern Nangarhar province and southern Helmand, it could be down more than three-quarters, they say, though reliable statistics are not yet available.

The surprise cutback in poppy growing is increasing pressure on the international community to deliver hundreds of millions in aid to prevent a potentially violent backlash by impoverished Afghans who have survived by growing opium.

Sudan southern rebels: Leaders of Sudan's main southern rebel group on Sunday were debating a peace deal to end Africa's longest-running war, a day before they planned to vote on approving the agreement with Sudan's government.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army's legislative body is expected to endorse the Jan 9 agreement, which its leader John Garang signed with Sudanese Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha.

The deal, once ratified by the rebels' National Liberation Council, would be legally binding on the entire group.

Serbia war crimes: Serbia-Montenegro's foreign minister has called for a special parliament session to address U.S. and EU demands that Belgrade arrest and extradite war crimes suspects to the U.N. court.

Foreign Minister Vuk Draskovic warned in comments published on Sunday by the Tanjug news agency that further stalling on the extradition of about a dozen fugitives wanted by the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, would have "tragic and irreparable" consequences.

Serbia-Montenegro, or what used to be Yugoslavia, faces possible international isolation because of its reluctance to extradite the suspects, including former Bosnian Serb army commander Ratko Mladic and four Serb police and army generals.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

U.S. troops detain key insurgent leaders

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO Stare and Strings

RAMADI, Iraq — A joint task force of U.S. soldiers and Marines has detained several "key Ramadi-based insurgent leaders," including leaders of a bomb-making cell and an associate of suspected terror ringleader of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, officials said Saturday

According to 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division officials, the 10 men were captured over a series of raids completed last week. The raids were conducted by members of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry: 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry: and 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, all of which operate in

and around Ramadi. The captured leaders include a man identified by the military as

the leader of "multiple improvised explosive device manufac-turing terror cells," according to a military statement

Ismael's terror cells included more than 60 fighters, operating in 13 cells "responsible for attacks... including mortar attacks, suicide bomb attacks and roadside bombs," the statement read.

U.S. forces said they also captured Ismael's second in command, a man they described as responsible for transporting militants to and from attacks and providing vehicles and weapons to the terror cells

Officials said the forces also detained several members of a terror group known as the 1920th Revolutionary Battalion, a group military intelligence officials say Party members and the Iraqi mili-

The raids also netted a man identified as Ismael Jeddan, an alleged associate of al-Zarqawi, often described as the most want. ed man in Iraq, U.S. officials have a \$25 million bounty on al-Zargawi's head.

2nd Brigade officials said last week's raids also netted several members of kidnapping rings who target foreigners or Iraqis working with U.S. forces.

More than 4.200 soldiers from 2nd Brigade and other associated units — including a field artillery unit and an engineer unit - de ployed from South Korea to Iran last fall and have been operating under command of the rine Division since arriving.

Alleged bomb-maker caught

The Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, now in Iraq, recently captured an insurgent who told the unit he was a bomb-maker, the 31st MEU has announced in a news release

Several large caches of weapons, ammunition and documents were seized from the insurgent's home after he was captured during a small raid in Karabilah, the release stated, adding that the caches contained enough materials to produce more than 30 improvised explosive devices.

The insurgent told the troops he had retrieved all of the ordammunition supply point in Sa'dah, loading his vehicle full of ordnance before returning home, where he buried the munitions in several locations throughout his property.

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The man claimed that he began building IEDs during summer 2003, the release stated, and since then, has detonated several of the devices against Multi-National Force convovs.

The weapons were destroyed, the 31st MEII stated

The unit's current mission. the release stated, is to enhance security and stability in western Iraq and the Anbar province in support of the upcoming Iraqi

U.S. ambassador: Serious problems ahead of Iraq election

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - The U.S. ambassador acknowledged serious problems ahead of next weekend's election but gave assurance Sunday that "great efforts" being made to ensure every Iraqi

Meanwhile, in an audiotape posted on the Web, a speaker claiming to be Iraq's most feared terrorist declared "fierce war" on democracy, raising the stakes in

Also, fire swept through the general hospital in a southern Iraqi city early Sunday, killing 14 people and injuring 75, said a spokesman for the Italian military forces based in the city.

Rebels who have vowed to dis rupt the balloting blew up a designated polling station near Hillah south of Baghdad and stormed a police station in Ramadi west of the capital, authorities said.

A U.S. soldier was killed Saturday on a security patrol in Mosul the U.S. command said Sunday. U.S. and Iraqi officials fear more such attacks in the run-up to Sunday's election and have announced massive security measures to protect voters. Iraqis will chose a 275-seat National Assembly and provincial councils in Iraq's 18 provinces in the first nationwide balloting since the ouster of Saddam Hussein in 2003. Large turnouts are expected

among Iraq's majority Shiites in the south and minority Kurds in the northeast. But the big ques-tion is whether Sunni Arab Muslims, who form the core of the insurgency, will defy rebel threats and boycott calls from their clergy and participate in substantial

In a series of interviews Sunday on American television talk shows, U.S. Ambassador John Negrononte acknowledged an increase in rebel intimidation of Iraqi officials and security forces and noted serious security problems remain in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad



A U.S. Army tank crew watches over Iraqi National Guard soldiers on patrol in Mosul, Iraq, on Sunday. U.S. and Iragi officials fear a spike in bloodshed and have announced massive security measures to protect voters from possible insurgent attacks during the elections.

being taken, by both the multinational forces here in Iraq as well as the Iraqi armed forces and police," Negroponte told "Fox News Sunday." "There will be some problematic areas ... But even there, great efforts are being made to enable every Iraqi eligible to do so to be able to vote."

Underscoring the threat, a speaker identifying himself as Abu Musab al-Zarqawi - the leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate condemned the election branding candidates as "demi-idols" and saying those who vote for them "are infidels" — a clear threat to the safety of all those who participate in the balloting.

The sneaker warned Iragis to be careful of "the enemy's plan to implement so-called democracy in your country." He said the

Americans have engineered the election to install Shiite Muslims in power. Al-Zarqawi has in the nast branded Shiites as heretics.

Most of the insurgents are believed to be Sunni Arabs, who lost influence and privilege with the fall of their patron Saddam. Their ranks have been reinforced by non-Iraqi Arab extremists who have come to Iraq to wage holy war against the Americans

In order to encourage as big a turnout of Sunnis as possible, U.S. and Iraqi troops have stepped up security operations in Baghdad, Mosul and other tense areas rounding up hundreds of suspected insurgents. The U.S. command announced Sunday it had arrest-ed an undisclosed "top insurgent suspect" in Baghdad after hunting him for nearly a year.

Sunni elder statesman Adnan Pachachi, who is running for the National Assembly, told CNN's "Late Edition" that prospects for a good Sunni turnout had improved somewhat in recent

weeks but it was important that Sunnis be properly represented in the new government To shake public confidence in the elections, insurgents have accelerated attacks against Iraq's security services, trained by the Americans but plagued by leadership and morale problems, A major insurgent group, the Ansar

al-Sunnah Army, posted a video-

tape Sunday on a Web site show-

ing the assassination of an Iraqi army colonel captured in Mosul. The tape showed a man in civiln clothes holding a military identification card. As the man sat in a chair, a masked gunman approached from his right and

shot him in the head with a rifle. The blaze at the Nasirivah Gen-

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,371 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,077 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department

The figures include three military civilians

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Friday. The British military has re-

ported 76 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each Since May 1, 2003, when

President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,233 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 968 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numhers

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported. The latest identifications re-

ported by military: ■ No identifications reported

eral Hospital was believed to have been caused by an electrical

fault, the fire department said. The injured were transferred

to another hospital in the city, about 200 miles southeast of Bagh. Col. Francesco Tirino, a spokes-

man for the Italian contingent in Nasiriyah, said that 14 people died and 75 were injured.

GIs sentenced in Iraqi interpreter's death

BY DOUG STRUCK The Washington Post

BAGHDAD - Two U.S. soldiers were sentenced to prison terms Saturday for the shooting death of an Iraqi interpreter in November at an Army base in

One of the soldiers said that he and his colleague had been "joking and horseplaying" with the translator when the trigger was pulled on a pistol pointed at her head. The soldiers said they did not realize the gun was loaded.

Spc. Charley Hooser, 28, of Midland, Texas, received a three-year term for involuntary manslaughter and filing a false re nort Snc Rami Dajani 24 a Palestinian who attended school in the United States and served as an interpreter, was sentenced to

Two also are demoted and dishonorably discharged

18 months for being an accessory after the fact and for filing a false report. Both men were ordered moted to the rank of private and dishonorably discharged.

The soldiers had originally told investigators that the interpreter, identified in court as Luma Hadi 28. had accidentally shot herself. according to testimony at a courts-martial Saturday at Camp Victory near Baghdad. Both men pleaded guilty to the charges in an agreement with Army prosecutors and offered tearful apologies for the incident before they were sentenced.

Hadi helped interview Iraqis taken into custody by U.S. forces. Hooser said that he and Dajani were her close friends and that they had been playing around in the office where they all worked. She was laughing and joking, Da-

"Somebody said something about shooting someone. We said we could just kill Luma," Hooser testified in court.

Both men said Dajani reached into a locker where Hadi had stored a nistol she carried for her protection and handed it to Hooser without checking whether it was loaded. Hooser said he pointed the gun at Hadi and squeezed the trigger, also without checking

"I can never say 'sorry enough." Hooser said in court. killed a friend in a split second of stupidity. I have no excuse."

It was unclear why the weapon was loaded. The prosecutor, Capt. Lawrence Edell, said Dajani admitted to "having put a magazine in the weapon on purpose." But Daiani testified that he did not notice it was loaded when he picked

Hadi, who formerly worked as an interpreter for The Washington Post, was the mother of a 6-year-old girl. According to Edell, U.S. authorities paid the family \$25,000 in compensation for her death

it up.

Hadi's family did not attend the court session because it was too dangerous to travel there, her brother. Ali. said. The family's name is being withheld to protect their safety.

When Ali heard the news of Hooser's sentence, he broke down in tears and said he was surprised the soldier had been sentenced to time in prison.

"I am happy, because he was punished by the law," he said, but I am sad because I remember my sister.

Ali said his family had not told Hadi's daughter that her mother was dead. "If we live, in the future, we will tell Sara everything about how her mother was brave and lovely," Ali said.

One of Hadi's friends reacted to the sentencing with mixed feelings. "This is justice, but Luma would have hated this," said the friend a fellow Iraqi translator 'She loved the soldiers. She never would have wanted this to happen to them "

Correspondent Jackie Spinner contribut-ed to this report.

U.S. medics are going the extra mile to help sick Afghan children

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BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan - A man cradling a sickly child in his arms and walking for a couple of hours to get help makes for a powerful

Perhaps just as inspiring is the willingness of people half a world away to sten forward and save the little guv with a bad heart from certain death.

The outpour-ing of support "has been just amazing," said Capt. Mike Roscoe, a physiassistant with the 76th Infantry Brigade, Indiana National Guard. By late Febru-

arv, the benefactors who have rallied to the aid of Oudrat Ullah hope to fly the 1-year-old to the United States for a heart opera-

"He will die without the sursaid Lt. Col. Terry Snow, the brigade's civil military affairs

During an October visit to a refugee camp near Kabul, a brigade medical staff evaluated Qudrat, one of many kids examined that day. It confirmed an earlier diagnosis by a Pakistani doctor that Oudrat has a hole in his heart, inhibiting the flow of blood through his body

But due to a lack of adequate equipment on hand and certain policies, the medical team couldn't move him. Two days later, the boy's father, Hakim Gul, walked to Camp Phoenix with his only child in his arms.

the guard unit to get Oudrat to Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. It involved coordinating with doctors and organizations fund-raising and plenty of paperwork, such as visas.

"Every time we turned around there seemed to be a roadblock. Snow said.

Doctors at the hospital have offered to perform the surgery, estimated to cost at least \$50,000.

free of charge, Roscoe said. In addition the Rotary Club of Greenfield, Ind., of which Snow is a member, has agreed to cover many of the out-of-pocket expenses during estimated 30-day stay.

couple of years. 77 "We are just waiting for the Sgt. Patrick Thibeault military to OK a medic assigned to Camp Phoenix who treated Roscoe said. "Everything is ready. Our end a sick Afghan boy

is pretty much done Meanwhile, another effort is under way to send a 5-year-old Afghan boy stateside for surgery to repair his arms, chest and back, which were burned in a house fire. The fire killed his mother and a couple of siblings. Soldiers at Camp Phoenix said

Wednesday they raised enough money to help him and his father obtain travel visas. "He's a tough cookie," said Sgt.

Patrick Thibeault, a medic in Herat who, while assigned to Camp Phoenix, treated the boy. "If he could get the operation, he'll be back to normal in a couple of years.

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Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment's Mortar Platoon take a break after searching nearby fields for weapons caches. The battalion uses its HHC as an infantry unit, setting aside a sector that they patrol. The platoon deployed with its normal compli-

Regiment adapts to infantry role

By JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq - Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment figure that if they look like infantry, act like infantry, and, if need be, fight like infantry, they'll be treated like infantry.

So when the battalion recently moved to Abu Ghraib, just north of Camp Liberty, the unit was given its own operating sector, just like other infantry compa-

"We've owned this sector from the very beginning," said company commander Capt. Bill Prayner, "We've been used as a maneuver company."

"We do more things than being mortarmen," said Sgt. 1st

Class Brad McCarty, Mortar Platoon sergeant. "It's an unexpected mission, but I'm glad we've got this mission

The mortar platoon's mission on Thursday was to walk through farmers' fields just north of the town and search for weapons caches. Most of the company's five platoons have

"We are an infantry platoon, how do you like that?" Mortarman Spc. Philip Morrison said as he manned his Humvee's machine gun. "We're not as big and can't flex as much power (as a regular infantry platoon)."

Morrison pointed to his Humvee's odometer as proof to the made and fields his unit has been to. When the company received the Humvee two weeks earlier it had 68 miles on it. Now it's approaching 1,500, he said.

Coming back from those fields after a few hours of searching, the remainder of the platoon renorted success. Soldiers found a rusted rocket-propelled grenade launcher, some rusted maga-zines, a Russian-built rocket with its explosives removed and two 155mm artillery shells.

It was a pretty good day for soldiers who are trained to fire shells, not find them.

Along with the mortarmen on patrol that day were a handful of cooks and medics.

"The Army is looking for adaptive leaders and adaptive units," said Prayner. "I utilize every guy I can. They all go out as rifle-

"We're not special, we do our job every day," he explained. We're just 'blue collar.

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Secret intel unit expands Rumsfeld's domain

BY BARTON GELLMAN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon, expanding into the CIA's his-toric bailiwick, has created a new espionage arm and is reinterpreting U.S. law to give Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld broad authority over clandestine operations abroad, according to interviews with participants and documents obtained by The Washington Post.

The previously undisclosed organization, called the Strategic Support Branch, arose from Rumsfeld's written order to end his "near total dependence on CIA" for what is known as human intelligence.

Designed to operate without detection and under the defense secretary's direct control, the Strategic Support Branch deploys small teams of case officers, linguists, interrogators and technical specialists alongside newly empowered special operations forces.

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Military and civilian participants said in interviews that the new unit has been operating in secret for two years — in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places they declined to name. According to an early olanning memorandum

to Rumsfeld from Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the focus of the intelligence initiative is on "emerging target countries such as Somalia Vermen Indonesia Philip-

pines and Georgia." Myers and his staff declined to be interviewed. The Strategic Support

Branch was created to provide

Rumsfeld with independent tools for

the "full spectrum of humint operations," according to an internal account of its origin and mission. Human intelligence operations, a term used in counterpoint to technical means such as satellite photography, range from interrogation of prisoners and scouting of targets in wartime to the peacetime recruitment of foreign spies. Interpretation of the property of the "original property" and the property of "notorious figures" whose links to

the U.S. government would be embarrassing if disclosed.

Perhaps the most significant shift is the Defense Department's bid to conduct surreptitious missions, in friendly and unfriendly states, when conventional war is a distant or unlikely prospect activities that have traditionally been the province of the CLA's Directorate of Operations. Senior Rumsfeld advisers said those missions are central to what they called the department's predominant role in combating terrorist

The Pentagon has a vast bureaucracy devoted to gathering and analyzing intelligence, often in concert with the CIA, and news reports over more than a year have described Rumsfeld's drive for more and better human intelligence. But the creation of the espionage branch, the scope of its clandestine operations and the breadth of Rumsfeld's asserted legal authority have not been detailed publicly before. Two longtime members of the House Intelligence Committee, a Democrat and a Republican, said they knew no details before being inter-

viewed for this article.

Pentagon officials said they established the Strategic Support Branch using "reprogrammed" funds, without explicit congressional authority or appropriation. Defense intelligence missions.

gent congressional oversight than comparable operations by the Rumsfeld's dissatisfaction with the CIA's operations direc-torate, and his determination to build what amounts in some respects to a rival service, follows struggles with then-CIA Director George Tenet over intelligence collection priorities in Afghanistan and Iraq. Pentagon officials said the CIA naturally has interests that differ from those of military commanders, but they also criticized its operations directorate as understaffed, slow-moving and risk-averse. A recurring phrase in internal Pentagon docu ments is the requirement for a human intelligence branch "di-

SecDef," or Rumsfeld.

The new unit's performance in the field and its latest commander, reserve Army Col. George Waldroup, are controversial among those involved in the closely held program. Pentagon officials acknowledged that Waldroup and many of those brought quickly into his service lack the experience and training typical of operators. In his civilian career as a federal manager, according to a Justice Department inspec-

rectly responsive to tasking from

tor general's report, Waldroup was at the center of a 1996 probe into alleged deception of Congress concerning staffing problems at Miami International Airnort.

port.

Navy Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, expressed "utmost confidence in Col. Waldmost confidence in Col. Waldmost was a scored "a whole series of successes" that he could not reveal in the sax order "a whole series of successes" that he could not reveal in risks, however, of trying to expand human intelligence too fast. "It's not something you quickly constitute as a capability. It's going to take years to do."

Rumsfeld's ambitious plans rely principally on the Tampabased U.S. Special Operations Command, or SOCOM, and on its clandestine component, the Joint Special Operations Command. Rumsfeld has designated SO-COM's leader, Army Gen. Bryan Brown, as the military commander in chief in the war on terrorism. He has also given Brown's subordinates new authority to pay foreign agents. Some Pentagon officials refer to the combined units as the "secret army of Northern Virginia."

U.S. labors to build trust, leaders in Iraq

Military advisers work directly with Iragi forces to develop quality units

BY STEVE FAINARU

The Washington Post

MOSUL, Iraq — A dozen U.S. and Iraqi military officers dropped in on the Mosul police chief last week. After arriving at his headquarters in their armored Humvees, the men crowded into the chief's office to discuss security for the Jan. 30 par-liamentary elections.

An Iraqi special forces officer, Lt. Col. Adell Abbas, quickly took over. "I have everything I need to protect you," he assured the police chief.

The police chief appeared doubtful. He looked pleadingly around the room at the Americans, the real power in Mosul. What would they do to protect him? A Marine seated next to Abbas intervened. "Sir, Colonel Adell and I are brothers," said Maji Frank Shelton. The has a picture of his soon. Anything we can do to assist you, that is our mission together."

Abbas, 39, is commander of the 23rd Battalion, 6th Brigade, Iraqi Intervention Force. Shelton, 35, is his senior American adviser. In addition to keeping a photo of Abbas' 4-year-old son, Mustafa, strapped to his left arm, Shelton sleeps five feet from Abbas, eats meals off the same plate and seldom leaves his side.

Their intense relationship is part of a changing U.S strategy to find a way out of Iraq. After a string of battlefield failures by the nascent Iraqi security forces, the U.S. military has committed as many as 10,000 advisers to work directly with Iraqi units in the coming months. The goal is to develop quality leaders who can prevent the units from falling apart under attack and ultimately assume responsibility for Iraq's security.

In Iraq, U.S. commanders have developed a security plan for the developed a security plan for the upcoming elections in which Iraqi troops will have the mission's most dangerous assignment: protecting the polling sists that inevitably will be targets for attack. U.S. troops will provide perimeter security and respond to emergencies but will stay and from the polls to avoid any appearance they are trying to influence the elections, officers involved in the loanning said.

Viewed up close, the relationship between Shelton and Abbas shows how complicated the strategy is: an American Marine teaching fundamental leadership skills in the middle of an escalating insurgency.

Shelton, an intense, 5-foot-7 fireplug whose father, Roy, was an American military adviser in



STEVE FAINARU/The Washington Post

Marine Maj. Frank Shelton, far left, speaks with Iraqi troops. As a military adviser, he works and lives with Iraqi units. After a string of battlefield failures by the nascent Iraqi security forces, the U.S. military has committed as many as 10,000 advisers to work directly with Iraqi units in the coming months.

Vietnam, said he and his team of eight U.S. advisers would continue to ride with the Iraqis in vulnerable, unarmored trucks as election day approaches.

U.S. commanders said they were optimistic that the new advisers would help the Iraqi security of the commander of the command

Abbas, lanky and intense, said he served 19 years in the Iraqi military under ousted President Saddam Hussein. He fought as a combatant diver in the Iran-Iraq war and the Persian Gulf War. His career ended on the outskirts of Baghdad on April 4, 2003, just as the city was about to fall to U.S. forces. Abbas said he gathered his battalion of 489 soldiers and told them they could go home. Then, Abbas did so himself

Abbas said he sat around for the next year and a half, borrowing money from his brothers to support his family. Finally, he said, he received a call from a cousin who had been named lieutenant general in the new 6th Brigade. Abbas said his allegiance had been to the old Iraqi army and not to Saddam, and he was thrilled at the opportunity to return to military life.

"If the new Iraq army does not stand, Iraq will be finished. The fate of Iraq and the fate of the army are one and the same."

Shelton, an infantry major with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force based on Okinawa, holds a degree in political science from Vanderbilt University. He was a platoon commander during the American mission in Somalia in 1992.

After attending Ranger school and training as a naval parachutist and a Marine Combatant Diver, he had learned the multiple skills that the military was seeking for its Advisory Support Teams, or ASTs.

Shelton said he prepared for Iraq by rereading an English translation of the Quran to better understand Islamic culture.

Out on the streets of Iraq, Shelton carries an M-4 assault rifle, a 9 mm Beretta, four fragmentation grenades and a Boker hunting knife that was a gift from his former father-in-law.

He carries hundreds of rounds of ammunition but said, "Mission success is me not firing a round."

"You can accuse me of going native by growing facial hair and doing everything else." Shelton said. "But I'm privileged to be here at this time in history."

Diverse voter turnout key to Iraq's future

A one-sided Shiite vote could send the country spiraling into civil war

BY HAMZA HENDAW

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Millions of ballots have been printed, thousands of voting booths assembled and 300,000 Iraqi and U.S. troops put at the ready. Everything is in place for Iraq's national elections. All that's needed now are vot-

Participation is the crucial question in Sunday's parliamentary election, which the insurgents, mostly Sunni Arabs, have vowed to disrupt. Substantial Sunni turnout in the face of intimidation and murder could spell the beginning of the end of the rebellion and hasten the day when the United States can bring home its 150,000 troops.

But if the vast majority of Sunnis shun the polls - either out of fear or lack of confidence in the process — it would undercut the new government's legitimacy, widen the fault line between Sunnis and the majority Shiites and possibly doom the American military to years

of struggle against a determined foe To encourage a big turnout, U.S. and Iraqi authorities will impose sweeping security measures - sealing the country's borders, imposing travel restrictions and putting swarms of armed guards at polling stations. American troops have been rounding up hundreds of sus-

pected rebels to head off election-day attacks. Iraq's 14 million eligible voters will cast ballots at 5,220 polling centers, choosing a 275-member National Assembly and provin-

cial legislatures. The Na-Assembly will tional 44 No matter what the then appoint a new gov ernment. Voters in the results are, we will Kurdish-ruled area of northern Iraq will also elect a new regional parliament An additional 1.2 mil-

Iraqi exiles can vote in 14 countries, including the United States, over a three-day period starting Friday. Final results will not be known for a week or more, but preliminary figures should be avail able hours after polls close. Iragis will vote for lists of candidates, rath-

er than individuals, and the alliance endorsed by Grand Avatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, is expected to fare best Other major contender lists are led by inter-

im Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite: and interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a



Supporters cut holes in an elections banner Sunday urging Iraqis to vote for Ayad Allawi, Iraqi interim prime minister. Insurgent attacks have prevented candidates from making campaign appearances, so most are relying on banners, posters and word of mouth to spread the news of their candidacies. A few well-financed candidates have purchased TV and newspaper ads.

Sunni Arab. A Kurdish list is expected to draw most votes among the Kurds, about 15 percent of the population.

In all, some 19,000 candidates are competing. At least 30 percent of the candidates on

each list are women, by

60 percent of the 26 million population, are expected to turn out in huge numbers, encouraged by clergymen who sense emnowerment after generations of domination by the Sunni Arabs. The Sunnis, by the same token, dread the loss of supremacy, and many insurgent attacks have targeted Shiites, including a car bombing outside a Shiite mosque Friday that killed at least 14 people.

Shiites, an estimated

A turnout that fails to attract Sunni Arab participation could produce a government unacceptable to Sunnis. This, warns Interior Minister Falah al-Naqib, could send Iraq into a downward spiral into civil war

Mindful of the dangers, Shiite leaders promise to guarantee a role for Sunnis in the new government.

"No matter what the results are we will work and insist on achieving the principle of participation of all parts of the Iraqi people, said Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, who heads the

al-Sistani-endorsed ticket. But those assurances may not be enough for the millions of Sunni Arabs who live in areas identified by the U.S. military as the most dan-Baghdad and the provinces of Anbar, Salaheddin and Nineveh. Those areas, which also have Shiite communities make un more than 40 percent of the nation's popula-

Voters in areas deemed too dangerous will be allowed to cast ballots outside their home Insurgents have cast a menacing pall, blast-

ing polling stations, killing electoral workers and candidates, and torching warehouses holding election materials. The chief U.N. electoral official here. Car-

los Valenzuela, describes intimidation of election workers as "high and very serious" but expresses confidence the voting will go Even without the specter of violence, orga-

nizing such an election in a nation without a solid democratic foundation was a huge under-SEE VOTE ON PAGE 7

The Iragi election process

Procedures for voting in the Iragi election

■ Voting centers: Iragis will report to 5,220 designated voting centers around the country. The centers will be ringed by Iraqi police and Iraqi National Guard troops, American and other multinational soldiers in reserve. Vot-ing is set for 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., although the hours can be extended if voters are still in line at closing time.

■ What's on the ballot: Each voter will be given two paper ballots — one for the 275-member National Assembly and the other for provincial legislatures. Voters in the Kurdish-controlled areas of northern Iraq will receive a third ballot for the self-governing re-

gion's parliament. ■ How they will vote: Each voter will be led to a cardboard booth to mark the ballots. Voters will choose parties rather than individuals, with the numher of candidates seated from each party determined by the party's percentage of votes nationwide. Once have been marked, the voter hands them to an election worker who drops them into a ballot box. The voter then pro-ceeds to the final station, where an election worker marks his or her hand with indelible ink to prevent repeat

voting.

■ How votes will be counted: Once voting has ended, election workers will count the ballots at each polling center. Poll workers will report the results to the Iraqi Electoral Commission by telephone and Internet. A tally room has been set up in the commission's heavily fortified Baghdad headquarters. Initial results are expected to be announced within hours after voting ends, but the final tally will not be known for a week to 10 days. - The Associated Press

Ethnic and religious differences Modern Iraq was carved out of the Ottoman Empire by its British administrators of the 1920s, gaining independence as a kingdom in 1932. The ethnically and religiously diverse country endured a succession of military coups culminating in the rise to power of Saddam Hussein.

expected to divide the vote in Iraq The upcoming elections will offer a voice to major groups in the future government of Iraq. The Kurdish ethnic

Kurd Yazidi

almost 20 percent of Irag's population, with Arabs making up the majority, Although Kurdish leaders say they seek only autonomy, many Kurds wish for independence Prior to the no-fly zone in northern |raq in 1991 thousands of Kurds were killed by Saddam's forces. Some 80 percent of their Sunni and Kurd villages were destroyed. Sunni and Shiite

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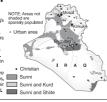
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Candidate on al-Sistani-endorsed ticket

Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim



Sunni Muslims are estimated at more than 30 percent of the population, including most Kurds, Iraq has been ruled by the Sunni minority, which is wary of the power that democratic elections likely would give Shiites Sunnis account for mos insurgents battling the interim Iraqi government which they consider an

American puppet.



about 60 percent of Iraq's people, and some of the sect's most important shrines are in the country, Largely oppressed under Saddam, Shiite Muslims are expected to gair nower in the Jan. 30 elections. Their turnout is expected to be large. Shiite Islam also is the state religion of neighboring Iran, a longtime foe of Saddam.

Vote: Many will follow imams' suggestions

VOTE, FROM PAGE 6

A new election law had to be put in place, voter rolls updated, poll workers trained and millions of ballots printed, mostly in Canada and Australia — all against the backdrop of violence.

With so many candidates, most Iraqis know the names of only a few on each list. Many names have been kept secret for security reasons. And because of the violence, candidates haven't been able to campaign in person.

That leaves most campaigns relying on word of mouth, election posters plastered on walls, and TV and newspaper ads by the better-financed candidates like Al-

lawi.

"Generally, I cannot go out and meet people or knock on doors to get out the vote like they do in the West," said Salama Khafaji, a female Shiite candidate who escaped an assassination attempt this month.

As a result, many Iraqis will likely vote according to what their imams or tribal leaders recommend.

The new assembly will elect a three-member presidential council, which will choose a prime minister subject to legislative approval.

The assembly also will draft a

Names to watch in Sunday's election

Key political players in Iraq's election:

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"Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani: Although not running for election, Iraq's top Shitie cleric has issued an edict describing voting as a "religious duty." Al-Sistani, 75, has great influence in the majority Shitie community and has opposed anti-American violence. With the loyalty of most Shitie clerics and many tribal leaders, the Iranian-born grand ayatollah has used his popularity to sway the political process toward assuring Shitie domination of the future government.

■ Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim: Shiite cleric and leader of the key Shiite political organization, the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. Opposed Saddam Hussein from exile in Iran before returning after the U.S.-led invasion and serving on the Iraq Governing Council. He and al-Sistani lead the United Iraqi Alliance, which is widely expected to dominate the election.

■Ayad Allawi: Interim prime minister considered a moderate with a reputation for toughness in dealing with the multiple insurgencies gripping Iraq. The 69-year-old Shiite physician, who leads a group of candidates called The Iraqi List, spent three decades in exile and has a long history of working with the U.S. government. A former member of Saddam's Baath Party, his wealthy family was close to the royal family that ruled before Saddam took power.

■ Ibrahim al-Jaafari: Interim vice president and the main spokesman for the Islamic Dawa Party, which waged a bloody campaign against Saddam's regime in the late 1970s. Saddam crushed the campaign in 1982 and Dawa based itself in Iran. The party is a member of the United Irani Alli-

ance. Al-Jaafari, a Shiite who was born in 1947, is a general practitioner.

■ Ghazi al-Yawer: Interim president, a largely ceremonial post. He is a prominent Sunni member of the Shammar tribe, which includes Shitte clans and is one of the largest tribes in the Persian Gulf region. A civil engineer born in Mosul, al-Yawer, 45, studied in Saudi Arabia and at Georgetown University in the United States. He heads the Iraqis Party.

Manan Pachachi: Foreign minister in the government toppied by Saddam's Baath Party in a 1968 coup and a member of the post-U.S. invasion Iraqi National Council. Pachachi, 81, leads a group of candidates called the Assembly of Independent Democrats. A prominent secular Sumi, he is seen as a possible compromise figure to lead a future government.

Masser Kamel al-Chaderchi: Sunni law-yer, businessman and landowner who leads the National Democratic Party. A member of the former Iraqi Governing Council, he is the son of Kamel al-Chaderchi, who played a leading role in Iraq's democratic development until 1968, when the Baath Party seized power.

■Jala Talabani: Sunni Kurd and leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of two key northern Kurdish parties. Born in 1934, he joined the Kurdistan Democratic Party as a teenager and then founded the PUK in 1957. He and KDP leader Massoud Barzani are running for office in a joint group of candidates, the Kurdish Alliance List.

■ Massoud Barzani: Sunni Kurd and leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, founded in 1946 by his father. Barzani, 56, helped negotiate a short-lived autonomy agreement with Iraq's government in 1970 that ended nine years of fighting. He took over the party leadership when his father died in 1979 and has survived two assessination attempts

Mamad Chalabi: Secular Shiite banker and one-time Pentagon confidante who led the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella for groups that included Iraqi exiles, Kurds and Shites. Chalabi, Sg, who left Iraq as a teen, fell out of favor with Washington last year after claims he passed intelligence information to Iran. He is running with the United Iraqi Alliance.

■ Hussain al-Shahristani: One of six figures chosen by al-Sistani to draw up the United Iraqi Alliance's candidate list. Al-Shahristani is a nuclear scientist whose refusal to work in Saddan's nuclear program led to his 1979 jailing. He escaped in 1991. Educated and married in Canada, he worked for human rights organizations in Iran and London.

■ Adil Abdul-Mahdi: Iraq's current minister of finance and a leading politician in the powerful Shiite Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, Born in 1942, he is the French-educated son of a respected Shitie cleric who was a Cabinet minister in Iraq's monarchy, Running with United Iraqi Alliance.

■ Hamid Majid Moussa: Economist, leader of the Iraqi Communist Party since 1993 and a member of the former Iraqi Governing Council. A Shinte, Moussa left Iraq in 1978 and returned in 1983 to continue his political activities against Saddam's regime. Draws support from urban Shilites and Kurds.

- The Associated Press

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'We can use art to educate'

Kuwait-deployed reservist traded Stripes badge and gun for pen and paint

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Strines

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait - A lot of men in the Louisiana penitentiary might just wish that Lt. Col. Michael Verrett had stuck to

drawing Mickey Mouse.

Coming out of high school in the South, Verrett wanted two things out of life: to work as an artist for the Walt Disney Corp., and to play college baseball at Louisiana State University.

"But Disney wasn't hiring, and LSU wasn't giving baseball scholarships," said Verrett, 46. "So I got a job with the police department

Verrett's career has taken a few twists and turns over the years. He went on to become one of Baton Rouge's best-known homicide detectives, then added the duties of police sketch artist. Five years ago, he began writing and illustrating children's books.

Last summer, his Army Reserve unit got called up for a Middle East assignment. He's now the container manager for the Combined Forces Land Component Command at Camp Arifjan, Verrett's interest in art started

almost before he was out of the crib. As a child he became fascinated with all things Disney

'When I was four years old, I started drawing with crayons on the walls," he said. "Mom liked the art work, but not the loca-

But growing up in public hous-

ing in one of the poorest states in the country narrowed his post-high school options. He enlisted in the National Guard at age 17, and two years later be-came an officer. He joined the Baton Rouge police force at age 20 — transferring the same year to the Army Reserve — and moved to the homicide team four years later.

On the murder beat, he teamed up with Keith Bates to form a cele-brated crime-solving partnership that seemed made for a television

They solved crimes when others were stupefied," said Donna Britt, a friend of Verrett's who is longtime reporter and anchorwoman at WAFB-TV, the CBS affiliate in Baton Rouge. "Verrett and Bates were in our headlines, sometimes, every night."

Verrett is white and Bates black, but the two men found they were more alike than different. Both shared a strong Christian

"He was from the 'hood, and I was from the projects, so we meshed well," Verrett said.

Through his police career, though, Verrett never forgot his love of art and writing. He always tried to put a bit of extra flair into typically dry police reports. He became the Baton Rouge police department's sketch artist and, in 1998, graduated from the FBI's sketch artist school.

Away from work, he painted murals at his sons' school and taught night classes in drawing and creative writing





Formerly a homicide detective in Raton Rouge, La.,

is now serving as contained manager for the Kuwait-based Combined Land Forces Component Command, He also is an author and illustrator of children's books and a cartoonist for the CFLCC command publication Desert Voice

Age: 46

Family: Wife Melices: three sons: Chris, 20; Brian, 16; Sean, 14

Unit: 143rd Transportation Command, Orlando, Fla. Home: Morgan City, La.

Stars and Stripes

A local book publisher, Keepsafe, in Baker, La., has published three of his books, the profits from which Verrett has donated to his church and local children's charities. Verrett retired from the police force after hitting the 25-year mark last spring - with no regrets, he said, over leaving behind the long, unpredictable hours and frequent clashes with supervisors who didn't always appreciate his blunt honesty.

His chief motivation, though was to spend more time with his wife, Melissa, and his sons, Chris, Brian and Sean, while the boys were still in their teens

"I wanted them to play ball instead of working the streets," Verrett said.

He also hoped to spend more time on his books and land a contract with a big-time book publisher. Those wishes moved to the back burner last summer, though when his reserve unit the 143rd Transportation Command from Orlando, Fla., got called up for a year's duty in Kuwait.

five months, Verrett has overseen an inventory of all the Army's cargo containers in the Central Command region, from Africa to Afghanistan. Although it is less glamorous, he finds it no less challenging than police work. He said his team has tracked down 1.400 leased cargo containers that are costing the Army between \$20 and \$40 per day. Already he has returned 500 of them, saving mil-

> But he hasn't forgotten his art. Verrett carries pens and pads with him everywhere to capture his restless thoughts. He draws

lions of dollars.

to capture what he sees in cartoon form.

Attached to CFLCC for the past

cartoons at dinner and lies on his bunk at night, typing kids' stories into his laptop computer.

Staff Sgt. David Smith, 38, of Melbourne, Fla., works and frequently travels with Verrett on container-counting expeditions. He said Verrett his written a se3-year-old daughter about the adventures of Sgt. Sam the Camel and the Ali Baha Lizards He even draws while they're driving in the car.

stories for Smith's

Lt. Col. Michael Verrett's job as container manager for the Combined

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at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to other countries where troops live such as

"He's managed to capture so many scenes," Smith said. "When things strike him, he'll have (the cartoon) done in like five min-

When Verrett returns to Louisiana this summer, he says he'll try to get some of his new material published, including more "White Alligator" installments and several Christmas stories. Melissa is his editor, and his three sons will join him as co-illus-

"I tell people, we can use art to educate, inspire and entertain," Verrett said. "But if you hide it in vour sock drawer, it doesn't help anyone."

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Verrett draws from his experience in the Middle East to capture a sense of what life is like for soldiers. Courtesy of Michael

Shigeya Kihara, last U.S. Army language pioneer, dies and when it invaded French Indochina in

By DENNIS MCLELLAN Los Angeles Times

Shigeya Kihara, the last surviving original instructor of the first U.S. Army language school, which was founded just prior to World War II to teach Japanese to American soldiers, has died. He was 90.

Kihara, who had advanced Parkinson's disease and suffered a stroke in 2002, died of natural causes at his son's home Jan. 16 in Castro Valley, Calif., said his son, Ron Ki-

Originally known as the Fourth Army Intelligence School and based at the Presidio in San Francisco, the language training program later evolved into the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey.

A Nisei, or second-generation Japanese

American. Kihara was one of the first four civilian instructors at the original school, which opened in 1941 in a converted airplane hangar

Classes began on Nov. 1, with 60 students, 58 of them second-generation Japanese Americans. Some five weeks later, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor plunging the United States into World War II

Born in Fairfield, Calif., Kihara had earned a bachelor's degree in political sci-ence from the University of California, Berkeley in 1937 and, after receiving a master's in international relations in 1939, he moved to Japan to study and travel.

Although he had promised his father he would study in Japan for two years, Kihara said in a 2001 interview with the Monterey County Herald, "war fever" made studying difficult. Japan had invaded China in 1937

July 1941, Kihara feared he would be trapped in Japan if war broke out with the United States His father, however, wasn't happy when

Kihara wrote a letter saying he was return-ing home, he recalled, "My father said if I came back from Japan, I was no longer his son

Kihara nevertheless sold his nortable typewriter, his shoes and overcoat to buy a steerage ticket on a U.S.-bound steamer. When he arrived in San Francisco, he was greeted at the dock by his brother, who told him, "Papa says you can come home."

After Kihara returned home, a UC Berkeley professor suggested that he take a job teaching Japanese to soldiers.

Kihara reported to the Fourth Army Intelligence officer at the Presidio of San Francisco. A week later, Kihara received an appointment to the U.S. Civil Service as a civilian Army employee and instructor in Japanese.

The government's decision to launch the language school, Kihara said in a 1991 interview with the Herald's weekend magazine,

was "an unprecedented, historical decision. "Heretofore, Japanese-Americans were considered second-class citizens, linked to Japan, and not to be trusted," he said. "Here they were asked to do something of vital service to the United States very critical not only for the U.S. Army but for Japa-

nese Americans." Ron Kihara said Friday that his father was always a loval American.'

"I remember a friend of mine once listening to my dad talking. He said, 'Shig, you make me feel like I need to stand up and salute.' Dad was that way." Kihara said.

IN THE WORLD

Yushchenko sworn in as Ukraine's president

By NATASHA LISOVA The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Viktor Yushchenko was sworn in as president of Ukraine on Sunday and called his inauguration "a victory of free-

dom over tyranny," capping a dramatic rise to power on the back of two months of massive street protests sparked by fraud-plagued elections.

The pro-Western re-former Yushchenko declared that the former Soviet republic was "now in the center of Europe and praised the crowds of supporters who kept up demonstrations for weeks in Kiev's central square demanding a fair vote

"The heart of Ukraine was on Independence Square," Yushchenko told tens of thousands of people in the square. "Good people from all over the world, from far away countries, were looking at Independence Square, at us."

"This is a victory of freedom over tyranny. The victory of law ing in front of an orange banner erected on the Independence Monument's rotunda, a reference to the campaign color that led the winter's demonstrations to be called the "Orange Revolution

Yushchenko took the oath of office in the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, placing his hand on a copy of the constitution and an antique

Rible his face still swol. len and scarred with lesions from his dioxin poisoning in September widely believed to have been a deliberate attempt to take him out of election contention.

Some deputies repeatedly shouted "Yu-shchen-ko, Yu-shchen-ko," an echo of the chanting that filled

Kiev during the showdown with his Kremlin-backed rival Others stood stonily, not applauding, a reflection of the deep political tensions that Yushchenko will face as the country's third post-Soviet

Yushchenko was declared the



Viktor Yushchenko kisses the constitution after taking the oath of office Sunday during his inauguration ceremony in the Verkhovna Rada parliament in Kiev. Ukraine.

loser of a Nov. 21 run-off election against Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych that international observers said was badly marred by vote fraud. Hundreds of thou sands of demonstrators poured into Kiev's streets to protest the results and demonstrations went on for weeks

The Supreme Court annulled the election and Yushchenko won a Dec. 26 court-ordered rerun. beating Yanukovych by 8 nercentage points. Yanukovych raised a series of legal challenges to the revote, but they were rejected by the high court

Yushchenko promised to turn the country around after years of corruption, poverty and oppres sion, and pledged to safeguard freedom of speech.

More than 40 countries were represented at the inauguration. The dignitaries included Secretary of State Colin Powell and NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer.

President Bush called Yushchenko on Saturday to congratulate him on his election and on victory" "democracy's Ukraine. White House spokesman Brian Besanceney said in Washington.

"The two leaders also dis-cussed their support for the people of Iraq and for democracy in

that country," Besanceney said.

Ukraine has 1,650 troops in Irag, the fourth-largest contingent in the U.S.-led military operation. Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma has ordered them with drawn by the end of June and Yushchenko has said he will stand by that.

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we no longer are needed to do

what's left to do." Crowder said.

He said the urgency is gone and

the problem now is to sustain the

Crowder said that despite re-

ports of isolated skirmishes be-

tween Indonesian soldiers and

separatist rebels in Aceh. "U.S.

forces have not seen that. Our

mission has not been affected."

"When the agencies, the U.N.

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Indonesia, Aceh rebels agree to discuss cease-fire

Tsunami disaster had brought a temporary truce between sides

By SLOBODAN LEKIC The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Diplomatic efforts gained steam in easing separatist conflicts Sunday in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, two countries battered by month's tsunami that has focused international attention on their decades-long insurgencies.

Finland's Crisis Management Initiative, headed by former President Martti Ahtisaari, confirmed that Indonesian government offi cials and Aceh rebel leaders would meet this week in Helsinki. but declined to provide more details "due to the delicate nature" of the negotiations. They will discuss a formal cease-fire in tsunami-ravaged Aceh province, where separatists have been fighting for an independent homeland for nearly 30 years.

Despite an informal truce announced by both sides since the disaster, there have been isolated reports of fighting, raising concerns about the security of relief operations in Aceh. On Sunday, the Indonesian military said it had killed 200 alleged rebels in the last four weeks.

Aceh had been previously closed to foreigners, but the in flux of relief workers and journalists into the province since the disaster has for the first time drawn international attention to the conflict.

Another official involved in bringing the two sides together said the talks will probably be held Thursday, and could lay a framework for restarting the peace process that foundered 20 months ago. The source spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of disrupting the talks.

Jakarta had announced last week that it planned to hold talks by the end of the month, but the government's spokesman was not available for comment Sunday

"There is a hope that the scale of the disaster and the movement for rebuilding Aceh will help lead to social and political reconciliation between Indonesia and [the rebels]," said Dewi Anwar Fortuna, a prominent analyst and

Admiral: Time right to cut back effort

The Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS ABRA HAM LINCOLN - The admiral in charge of the massive U.S. relief operation in Indonesia's tsunami-devastated areas on Sunday dismissed fears the United States is leaving too soon and might create a vacuum in the aid

The USS Abraham Lincoln's five-ship battle group arrived off Sumatra island within four days of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami, and about a dozen SH-60 Seahawk helicopters have been rushing food, water and medicine to towns and villages along the battered coast every day since.

former presidential adviser.

Indonesia was the worst hit of 11

In Sri Lanka, Norway's foreign minister met with Sri Lanka's prime minister Sunday, a day

But many aid workers in Aceh province worry that last week's announcement by the U.S. mili-tary that it would immediately start scaling back and handing over operations to other nations, the United Nations and aid

groups was premature "The bottom line is: I don't share that same concern." Rear Adm. William Crowder told The Associated Press. "We're reaching a point where there's going to be a transition to sustain relief and not an acute emergency

gotta-have-it-now relief that we

saw in the first couple of weeks." "The advantage we had early on was our mobility, to be able to deploy ourselves here in about four days. And now, other organizations are getting their assets here," he said.

after holding talks with the top guerrilla leader, to help resolve a

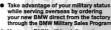
dispute over aid distribution. The disaster killed 31,000 peo-

The Tamil Tigers have repeatedly accused the government of obstructing aid deliveries to rebel-controlled areas in Sri Lanka's north and east - allegations that the government denies.

nations affected by the disaster.

ple and displaced another 1 million in the island nation

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Iran: Strike by U.S. would be big 'strategic blunder'

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psychological war.

Hamid Reza Asefi

Foreign Ministry spokesman

The Associated Press TEHRAN, Iran - Iran said Sunday a U.S. mili-

tary strike against it would be a strategic blunder but brushed aside tough talk from Washington as psychological warfare rather than a real threat.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said top U.S. administration officials didn't find any

friends around the world when they issued threats suggesting the United States may be considering military action against

President Bush said Jan. 17 his administration won't rule out the possibility of using military force against Iran over its controversial nuclear program and Vice President Cheney said Thursday that Iran "is right at the top

of the list" of world trouble spots. Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice made clear that American differences with Iran go

well beyond its nuclear program. "It's really hard to find common ground with a

government that thinks Israel should be extinguished," she told senators.

"We consider such remarks a psychological war, Asefi told reporters Sunday. "We think the possibiliwants to commit a very big strategic blunder." President Mohammad Khatami said Thursday

Iran had plans to defend itself should the United States make any aggressive moves but added that the possibility of an attack "is very low" because Washington is preoccupied with Iraq.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Seymour Hersh reported in The New Yorker magazine Jan. 17 that

the Bush administration had been "conducting secret reconnaissance missions inside Iran at least since last summer" for the purpose of gathering intelligence and targeting informa-tion. Defense Department officials said the article was filled with mistakes but did not deny its basic point.

Asefi refused to comment on reports that Iran has discovered spying devices from unidentified flying objects shot down by the Iranian military but denied U.S. commandos had penetrated Iran. The European Union has taken a softer line to-

ward Iran since Britain, France and Germany secured a commitment in December that Tehran would freeze its uranium enrichment program and entered talks on a permanent end to nuclear activities with bomb-making potential. They resumed trade talks with Iran this month.



Palestinian police pause at a checkpoint as a man waves a Palestinian flag in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahiya on Sunday. PLO der Mahmoud Abbas is in Gaza trying to negotiate a monthlong truce.

Israel willing to put operations on hold

Announcement paves way for talks

By LARA SUKHTIAN

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - The Israeli military is willing to sus pend operations against Palestin-ian militants if they call off attacks, Israeli leaders said Sunday, signaling a shift in position that could help pave the way toward a cease-fire after more than four years of fighting.

The announcement by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his defense minister. Shaul Mofaz. came as Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said he was closing in on a truce deal with Islamic militants and called on Israel to respond positively to a truce.

Abbas has been in Gaza since last Tuesday pressuring militant groups to halt their attacks on Israeli targets. Abbas hones a truce will lead to the resumption of peace talks.

'We can say that there has been significant progress in the talks. Our differences have diminished, and therefore we are bound to reach an agreement very soon," Abbas told Palestin-

ian television He said it is "essential" that Israel end attacks against the militants and called on Israel to free many of the thousands of Palestin

ian prisoners it is holding.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said a claim by Israel's defense minister that a monthlong truce had been agreed was premature. He said Abbas, scheduled return to his West Bank headquarters on Sunday, would remain in Gaza for an extra day to work on a deal.

Representatives of Hamas and Islamic Jihad also said no agreement had been reached, but that the talks were progressing.

Both groups said they would reserve the right to retaliate in the event of an Israeli offensive.

Signs of a cease-fire already were in place Sunday. With Isra el's blessing, Abbas deployed about 3,000 security forces in northern Gaza over the weekend to prevent mortar and rocket attacks on Israeli targets. The area where militants frequently launch rockets into southern Israel - has been quiet since the de-

ployment. Sharon held a special Cabinet meeting Sunday in Sderot - a southern border town that has been repeatedly targeted by Palestinian rocket fire.

He praised the recent calm as a "positive" development, but warned of a tough response if at-tacks resume. "I hope that perhaps the quiet will continue and if not, then the army and security forces will continue to do whatever is necessary in order to remove the threat," Sharon said.

Meeting participants, speaking on the condition of anonymity, quoted Sharon as saying Israel would hold off a threatened offensive into Gaza as the Palestinian forces "preserve quiet.

Mofaz said a deal is emerging between Abbas and the militants to halt violence for "something like a month." During that time, negotiations will continue on a broader agreement on power sharing and a joint political platform

Germany arrests 2 al-Qaida suspects

BY MATT SURMAN The Associated Press

BERLIN - German police on Sunday arrested two suspected al-Qaida members believed to be planning a suicide attack in Iraq, federal prosecutors said. One of the men also allegedly tried to obtain uranium.

Police arrested Ibrahim Mohamed K., a 29-year-old Iraqi liying in Mainz, on suspicion of recruiting suicide attackers in Germany and providing logistical help to the terrorist organization He also is believed to have tried to obtain uranium in Luxembourg.

The other suspect, 31-year-old Palestinian Yasser Abu S... planned to carry out a suicide attack, chief federal prosecutor Kay Nehm told reporters in the western German city of Karlsruhe. The Iraqi suspect trained multi-

ple times in camps in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States and then spent a year in Afghanistan fighting American forces after the attacks, prosecutors said. During this time he had contact with high-ranking al-Qaida lead-

This convinced him not to seek the original aspiration of martyrdom as a suicide attacker, but rather to recruit suicide attackers in Europe," prosecutors said in a statement

ers, they said.

He recruited the Palestinian suspect in September for a suicide attack in Iraq, and pur-chased more than \$1 million in life insurance for him, with the aim of faking the man's death in a car accident in Egypt, prosecu-tors said. The majority of the in-surance payoff was to fund al-Qaida activities, they said.

Prosecutors said they could provide no more details on the men's effort to get uranium, and declined to release the suspects' surnames according to usual German criminal procedures

Authorities searched homes in Mainz and Bonn as part of the raid, authorities said

Germany has cracked down or suspected terrorist and extremist activity since the 2001 terror attacks on the United States, which were planned in part by a terrorist cell in Hamburg.

On Jan. 12, police took 22 susnects into custody during nationwide raids on a network of Muslim extremists that turned up militant Islamic propaganda and forged passports. In December, police arrested three suspected members of the Ansar al-Islam terror group who allegedly planned to attack Iraqi Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during a visit to Berlin.

In October, authorities arrested Syrian-German businessman and suspected key al-Qaida financier Mamoun Darkazanli on a European warrant. Spanish authorities accuse him of providing al-Oaida with logistical help, and the United States labeled his Hamburg-based trading company a front for terrorism

Missing American declared dead VIENNA, Austria - A missing American snow-

boarder was declared dead Sunday, raising the death toll to at least four in weekend avalanches that claimed the lives of daredevils seeking the dangerous thrill of skiing off-trail in virgin alpine

Officials called off their search for the 31-year-old American a day after the snowboarder was swept away by a huge avalanche in the western province of Tyrol. It was unclear whether authorities had managed to recover the victim's body. The snow slide that killed the snowboarder als killed two Canadians ages 40 and 57 at the popular

resort of St. Anton. The width of the avalanche was estimated as roughly equal to the length of three football fields

laid end to end

MILAN, Italy - Cars were banned in Milan, Verona and some other 130 cities and towns across northern Italy on Sunday to lower air-pollution levels. In Milan car traffic was hanned for the second Sunday in a row

Traffic harred from Italian cities

People walked or used public transportation, which was increased. Others opted for bicycles or roller skates despite the cold weather.

Milan city officials have said they will decide

whether to enact the one-day bans on a week-byweek basis, depending on pollution levels.

The ban in Italy's financial capital started at 8

a.m. and was scheduled to last for 12 hours. Other cities adopting similar measures included Verona and Treviso in the northeastern Mestre

part of the country om The Associated Press

After 60 years, horror of Auschwitz remains

Milestone anniversary of liberation could be last for many survivors

BY VANESSA GERA The Associated Press

OSWIECIM, Poland — At first the red-brick barracks look almost respectable, numbered like normal houses along tree-lined paths. But then the gas chamber reveals itself through the wintry fog, and the death wall where prisoners were stripped and shot, and the soil and ponds still full of teeth and crumbled bones from incinerated corpses.

The death factory where the Nazis murdered 1.5 million people went idle 60 years ago on Jan. 27, but Auschwitz, ground zero of human savagery, still has the power to stun its visitors into silence.

"For me, this is a grave, not a museum," said Shalom Gross, a 57-year-old Israeli who lost more than 80 relatives to the Holocaust on his mother's side alone

He held three Hebrew holy books. "I have come here to pray," he said.

Auschwitz today is many things at once: an emblem of evil, a site of historical remembrance, a vast cemetery. With its neighbor Birkenau and the town of Ossewiccim—the Polish name of Auschwitz—it is also a place where life goes on, where people go to work, shop for groceries and try to make a living in a depressed coal-mining region where unemployment runs to 19 percent.

Some of the barracks serve as offices for the scholars and admin-

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former Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau are shown last week in Oswiecim, southern Poland. An estimated 600.000 people visit the camp each year to learn and to grieve. Below: A photo taken just after the camp's liberation by the Soviet army in January 1945 shows a group of children wearing pajama-like uniforms standing behind harhed wire fencing at Auschwitz, Red Army soldiers liberated the death camp on Jan. 27, 1945.

photos

istrators at the memorial site, who walk past the gas chamber and barbed wire as they go to and from work. A room once occupied by an SS guard is eerily preserved, down to the photo of Adolf Hitler on the wall.

"It is strange to work here, where we don't have contact with beauty," said Franciszek Piper, the head of the museum's historical research department, whose

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spare office is on the second floor of Block 23. "But if people in Poland wished to live far from the places where people were killed, persecuted, where the soil is soaked with the blood of those killed by the Nazis, then everyone would have to leave Poland."

The 60th anniversary carries special weight, because very few survivors are likely to be alive for the 70th. Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Jacques Chirac of France will attend Thursday's ceremony at Auschwitz, along with Vice President Dick Cheney and others. President Bush visited Auschwitz in 2002

An estimated 600,000 people visit the camp each year to learn or to grieve or to reflect on the past. Most move about in quier reverence, yet even here, there's occasional levity — smiling tourists posing under the infamous main gate with its cynical slogan "ARBEIT MACHT FREI" (work

makes you free), or a group of visitors laughing as they line up to see a documentary about mass mur-

Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, says he has often seen such behavior at Auschwitz.

"It's exactly the people who are smiling that you want there," he said. "While it's disconcerting to see, the experience will play back in their heads

back in their heads — two months or two years later — and have an effect."

More than 90 percent of the victims from 1940 until the Soviet Army liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945, were Jews, and the rest were Gypsies, Polish political opponents, Soviet POWS, Catholics and homosexuals. They died in gas chambers, or from starvation, medical experiments, disease or forced labor.

Auschwitz is in fact not one camp, but two: Auschwitz I, built in an abandoned Polish military

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base, and Auschwitz II, or Birkenau, a much bigger complex that went up later about 2 miles away to expedite the Nazis' Final

Solution.

It is Birkenau that shocks more profoundly, a flat, vast space still ringed by the silver birch trees (birken in German) that gave the place its name. Crematoria

lie in rubble as a

reminder of the Nazis' effort to hide their crimes as their defeat loomed. Still intact are the rail tracks on which prisoners in cramped cattle cars were hauled into the camp and selected for slave labor, experi-

ments, or death.

This month, a German service workers' union brought young

and middle-aged adults to visit the camp and meet with a survi-

vor.

After a day at the camp, they gathered to reflect on their experi-

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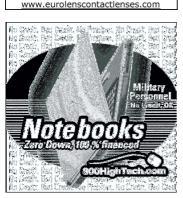
"I cannot comprehend the cruelty, how our parents and grandparents could have gone along with this," Jochen Schuk said. "Or even today how people can

still cling to ideologies of harted."
For Poland, invaded and occupied for five years by Germany, then ruled by communist dictatorship for more than 40 years, having Auschwitz on its soil is particularly painful. The Nazis treated the Poles as an inferior race, dotted their land with death camps and murdered about 3 million non-Jewish Poles. Yet it often is

tainted with guilt by geography.

At this time of year, tourists move through the camp and the unheated exhibit spaces bundled in heavy coats. Any urge to complain is stiffed by the photos of inmates in thin, pajama-like fatigues

As dusk falls, museum officials quietly lock the entrance gates, but refrain from breaking the sience with announcements over loudspeakers. As the night deepens, the visitors drift off at the time of their choosing — or when the gloom and the cold become unbearable.





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Abu Ghraib offers lessons

It looks like the Army and the Pentagon have been successful in localizing and isolating the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal to a few unfortunate lower-enlisted soldiers. These soldiers were indeed guilty for mistreating Iraqi prisoners and deserved to be punished. There is no possible way, however, that prisoner abuses of this mag nitude could possibly have taken place without the acquiescence of higher headquarters, or the dereliction of duty by higher headquarters to not have noticed what was happening in Abu Ghraib prison.

By blaming the whole scandal on some lower-enlisted soldiers, the Army and the Pentagon successfully protect those high er up in the chain of command who should have stopped what was happening, who ordered the abuses, who never properly trained the soldiers serving as guards, or who were not aware of what was occurring in that prison - but should have been.

This prisoner abuse scandal is a good example for senior noncommissioned officers and officers how not to allow your lower-enlisted soldiers to be made into scapegoats for policy-makers. U.S. soldiers might be curious about when the higher-ranking officials who were in charge of Abu Ghraib will be facing their own charges relating to the prisoner abuses that took place there.

Staff Sgt. Thomas P. Murt Hatboro, Pa.

Boycott your car, not AAFES

I cannot help but disagree with the whole concept of boycotting Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas stations ("Organize a weeklong boycott," letter, Jan. 16)

If you are griping about the cost of gas line on post, boycott your car, not AAFES. At posts stateside, I recall AAFES's prices being approximately equal to the prices off post. If that were the case in Europe,

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we would be paying about \$5.50 per gallon. Rather than trying to get AAFES to lower its prices, why not lower your own gas expenditures?

The letter writer made some good suggestions, but I would recommend some of them as long-term solutions, not ways of exacting revenge on AAFES. If you do not like the price of gas, carpool, use the shuttle service provided by the installation. ride a bike, walk, or trade in your gas-guzzling sport utility vehicle for a more fuel-efficient vehicle. Stop making little trips across post that waste your hard-earned

I find it hard to believe that the price of gas is at all oppressive when I see how many U.S.-plated vehicles are SUVs that are getting pitiful gas mileage driving stop-and-go around post. Forget about the few of us stationed in Europe; if the whole United States would stop consuming massive amounts of foreign oil, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would be forced to lower prices (supply and demand).

Imagine cheaper gas, fewer cars on the roads, less pollution, and our country not depending on the Middle East to supply us with our "liquid gold." I think that is far more effective than a weeklong boycott.

> Matt Stehr Vilseck, Germany

Learn from each assignment

You could compare love to sweet vs. bitter. I know the true meaning of sweet in the people of Kosovo.

Feeling like this and exposing my heart to the people of Kosovo, I know I will be vulnerable because, when the time I have to leave is here. I will be sad.

I have a new friend in Kosovo who I admire so much. One day I was talking to him and he mentioned how much he loved his father and that his father is ill. This says to me that in Kosovo there is a lot of love and respect for family.

How can you expect to be sad in life when love is passed on to you? He knows when the time comes he has to take over and continue that love for his family, as well I noticed his emotions. His eyes were

red and I noticed a tear was about to start. so I had to walk away before I started to cry as well We live in a world where nothing comes

easily, and there is an opposite of every good aspect we enjoy. It's all in how we perceive the world. Life is too short to see everything, do everything and know everything So, make the best of what duty assign-

ment we have overseas and look at the neople carefully and learn more about their life. Let's enjoy every minute, because eventually it all comes to an end

> Nelson Delgado Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

Polish hero leaves legacy of democracy

The Washington Post

he death of Jan Nowak-Jezioranski, a Polish World War II hero who became a Western Cold War hero, marks the end of an era.

Nowak-Jezioranski, who died Thursday night at age 91, was also known as the "courier from Warsaw," the man whose extraordinary journeys between wartime London and occupied Poland sound now like episodes from spy novels. It was he who informed the Allies of the Polish underground's resistance to the Nazis, and he who told the world of the Warsaw ghetto uprising in 1943. Later, he took part in the Warsaw uprising against the Germans, which resulted in the deaths of 150 000 of his fellow Poles and the destruction of his city.

But if Nowak-Jezioranski is a hero of the past, he is also worth remembering in the present. After the war, he became the head of the Polish section of Radio Free Europe, diligently organizing anti-communist broadcasts for two decades. Indeed, successful dedication to democracy could almost be a model for those who wish to spread democracy now. Instead of seeking quick solutions, he shaped the perceptions of his compatriots by providing reliable information and a forum for debate, preparing them for democracy when it finally came Instead of playing politics in Washington, where he lived for most of the last 29 years of his life, he advised successive administrations on how they could best help first dissident Polish democrats and later newly democratic Poland itself. In his last article for The Post in 2002, he wrote a Fourth of July thank-you note to the United States for its support of freedom in his native Poland during his nine decades. Perhans it is we who should have thanked him for showing us the right way to support freedom, in his country and around the world.

Doonesbury Flashbacks







By GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Bush's 'fire' is lighted, but it could burn us

any say that George W. Bush is the political heir to Ronald Reagan. But as his inaugural speech Thursday showed, Bush owes more to a distant presidential predeces-





sor, John F. Kennedy. Reagan, in his 1985 re-inaugural, rambled through a historical anecdote about "a Boston lawver named Adams and a Virginia planter named Jefferson" before he plunged into his main focus: economics.

The Gipper rightly took credit for straight months of eco-

nomic growth" and pledged more pro-growth tax-cutting: "We must simplify our tax system, make it more fair, and bring the rates down for all who work and earn." It was not until the 30th paragraph of a 42-paragraph speech that Reagan turned his attention to foreign policy.

By contrast, Bush never mentioned taxes. nor did he touch upon many items in his do mestic agenda. His immediate focus was foreign policy, and he got right to the point — and to the punch. Referring to the years between the fall of communism and Sept. 11 as "years of repose, years of sabbatical," he was taking a poke at the two presidents of the '90s, in effect accusing Bill Clinton and his own father, George H.W. Bush, of being on vacation as dire threats loomed

But, of course, Bush sees himself as more

than just a mere counterterrorist. We are led to "one conclusion," he declared: "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world." The Gipper, on the other hand, had ventured only a few such rhetorical flourishes. So the truest oratorical antecedent for the 43rd president is, in fact, the 35th president.

In his 1961 inaugural, Kennedy charged right into foreign policy, mixing global politics, military force and religion into a potent rhetorical brew: "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of Then came JFK's famous open-ended commitment to freedom around the world: "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, op-pose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." His speech was devoid of any domestic political content whatsoever. And so the course of his presidency was set: In his brief term Kennedy confronted the Soviets in Europe, Fidel Castro in Cuba and, most poignantly, the Viet Cong in South Vietnam.

Today, communism has mostly disappeared, but Bush has identified a new foe: "tyranny." The "t" word came up six times Thursday. "We will persistently clarify the choice before every ruler and every nation, he vowed, adding that "leaders of governments with long habits of control" should know that U.S. policy will be, at least implic-



itly in favor of regime change

But even more than Kennedy. Bush sees his freedom crusade as being powered by faith. He cited "the truths of Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount, the words of the Koran. Polls show that confidence in the Iraq war is slipping, but Bush has the bully pulpit, as well as the muscle to push events in a direction "set by liberty and the Author of Libertv.

In particular, Bush asked young people to "make the choice to serve in a cause larger



than your wants larger than yourself Quote-meisters, of course, will compare this summons to JFK's ringing "ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." This much is clear: Like Kennedy before him, Bush aims to set American might in motion around the world. "By our efforts," he proclaimed, "we have lit a fire ... a fire in the minds of men." Those fires will surely burn - although perhaps in ways we can't yet imagine

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Critics cut corners when chiding environmentalists

BY TONY JUNIPER

he devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean shocked the world. No one could fail to be moved by the horrific pictures and harrowing stories that emerged from the region as the scale of the tragedy unfolded.

But, in the days that followed, another story started to emerge. Unscrupulous environmentalists, it seemed, were outrageously exploiting the tragedy by claiming it was caused by climate change. A provocative story, save one major flaw: It wasn't true.

Shortly before Christmas, and therefore before the tsunami struck, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Greenpeace UK were asked by a British newspaper, the Independent, to comment on a re-insurance company's findings that there had been a dramatic increase in insurance claims in 2004 resulting from hurricanes, floods, droughts and other weather events linked to global warming

Stephen Tindale, executive director of Greenpeace UK, commented, "No one can ignore the relentless increase in extreme weather events and so-called natural disasters, which in reality are no more natural

than a plastic Christmas tree My remarks included, "Here again are vet more events in the real world that are consistent with climate change predictions.

Our comments appeared a few days later (shortly after the tsunami struck), but to any one who read the article, it should have been clear that neither organization linked climate change to the disaster

But The Wall Street Journal saw things differently. Using our quotes out of context, its Dec. 28 editorial thundered. "In the world of environmental zealotry, even an event such as this is seen as an opportunity to press the agenda. Thus, the source of the South Asian tsunami is being located in global warming.

Conservative commentators were quick to

join in and vent their righteous indignation. The facts don't always get in the way of a good story, and here was an opportunity to get on their high horses, lay into environmentalists and nour scorn on concerns about global warming. Presumably not having read the original article, and certainly not bothering to contact us to check the facts, they swiftly began their attacks

"Global Warming Claims Wrong in Wake of Tsunamis" shouted a Cato Institute press release, which was subsequently with-drawn. Steven Milloy, in a syndicated column (by Washington Times, Fox News online and others) accused us of "shamelessly" trying to "exploit last week's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe in hopes of advancing their global warming and anti-development

American Enterprise Institute's James K. Glassman, in a column ("No one should warm to idea that SUVs are to blame," Jan. 12, Stars and Stripes), called us

"unscrupulous activists" for whom "the tsunami offers an irresistible opportunity for exploitation.

And Dr. Pat Michaels attacked the "environmental experts" who have "moral audacity" of linking climate change to the tsunami.

"Unfortunately it is another 'Predicatable Distortion' of global warming, similar to dozens documented in my recent book," he said But it wasn't just conservative columnists who were quick to condemn.

The Chicago Tribune told its readers, 'This is worse than a hoax. It's an insult to the victims and the survivors of the tsunami and to the millions of compassionate people trying to bring relief and figure out how to prevent a similar disaster. The Boston Herald said, "We wondered if

ome environmental zealot would try to blame the catastrophe on global warming. Our fears have been realized in Britain."

Neither Friends of the Earth nor Greeneace has ever claimed that earthquakes can be caused by climate change or made any such link. Our "comments, been taken completely out of context, were made before the tsunami struck and related to a separate issue.

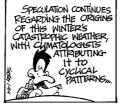
But not one journalist or commentator con-tacted us to see if we had in fact linked the tsunami to global warming before writing their attacks. But then it suits certain quar ters to discredit those who want to see action on global warming.
Climate change is a genuine threat to peo-

ple and the environment, a fact that credible scientists agree on, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which says "green-house gases are accumulating in Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities, causing surface temperatures and subsurface ocean temperatures to rise.

It's time the world woke up to the threat of climate change. Discrediting genuine concerns about global warming or shooting the messenger might make a good story, but it won't make the problem go away.

Tony Juniper is director of Friends of the Earth in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Mallard Fillmore





"AND tHE AARP to the Presidents ATTEMPTS TO REFORM SOCIAL SECURITY

By BRUCE TINSLEY

IN THE STATES

Carson, king of late night, dies

By JEEF WILSON

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Carson, the "Tonight Show" TV host who served America a smooth nightcap of celebrity banter, droll comedy and heartland charm for 30 years, has died. He was 79.

"Mr. Carson passed away peacefully early Sunday morning," his nephew, Jeff Sotzing, told The Associated Press. "He was surrounded by his family, whose loss will be immeasurable. There will be no memorial service.

Sotzing would not give further details, including the time of death or the location.

The boyish-looking Nebraska native with the disarming grin, who survived

every attempt to topple him from his late-night talk show throne, was a star who never distanced himself from his audience

His wealth, the adoration of his guests - particularly the many young comics whose careers he launched — the wry tales of multiple divorces: Carson's air of modesty made it all serve to enhance his intimacy with viewers.

"Heeeeere's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sidekick Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage. Then the formula: the topical monologue, the guests, the broadly played skits such as "Carnac the Magnificent.

But America never tired of him; Carson went out on top when he retired in

audience: "And so it has come to this. I am one of the lucky people in the world.

"I found something that I always wanted to do and I have enjoyed every single minute of it.

His personal life could not match the perfection of his career. Carson was married four times, di-

vorced three. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident.

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television, from his postwar start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s

Carson choose to let "Tonight" stand as his career zenith and his finale, withdrawing into a quiet retirement that suited his private nature.



Carson on May 21, 1992, during his next-to-last taping of "The Tonight Show" in Burbank, Calif. Carson died Sunday according to his nephew. He was 79.

Blizzard conditions bog down Northeast, Midwest



Avid skier and Capitol Hill resident Laura Olsen glides past the Capitol as snow falls Saturday in Washington.

BY KAREN MATTHEWS The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Travel was slowed to a crawl at best across wide areas of the Northeast on Sunday as a huge snowstorm whipped up blizzard conditions with wind gusting to 60 mph, mak-ing highways treacherous, canceling hundreds of airline flights

and slowing trains. Massachusetts reported 2 feet of snow, with amo ints of at least 20 inches in New York's Catskills and 18 inches in coastal Connecticut and Rhode Island. The National Weather Service said as much as 3 feet was possible in eastern Massachusetts. The weather system had earlier piled a foot of snow on parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and northern Ohio.

The stiff wind caused drifts up to 6 feet high in Massachusetts. along with poor visibility and scattered power outages. The weather service posted blizzard warnings into the afternoon in parts of New England, eastern New York state and northern New Jersey.

were "having a difficult time keeping up with the snow. They're starting to lose the battle "State Police Lt Steve Lefebvre said Sunday.

Three deaths were linked to the

weather in Ohio and two were blamed on the storm in Wisconsin. Airports and their thousands of

weekend travelers were hit hard by the blowing snow as hundreds of flights had to be canceled

Boston's Logan International closed Sunday morning because of whiteout conditions, and snowplow crews were called back indoors at 3 a.m. Massport spokesman Phil Orlandella said there was no estimate when Logan would reopen.

Nearly 500 flights were canceled Sunday morning at the New York metropolitan area's Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, in addition to about 700 that were grounded Saturday, Port Authority officials said.

A cargo plane slid off a runway

airplanes slid off taxiways Saturday in Pittsburgh. No injuries were reported.

Philadelphia's airport was shut down for several hours Saturday while crews worked to clear runways. Airport employees distributed pillows, blankets, disposable diapers and water to about 800 sengers who ha ad to spend the night, said spokesman Mark Pesce said.

Nearly 600 flights were canceled Saturday at Chicago's O'Hare International.

Trains serving New York City's northern suburbs ran on reduced schedules because of snow and ice covering the electrified third rail, the Metropolitan Transporta-tion Authority said.

But for people who didn't have to be anywhere in a hurry, the weather provided a respite.

"It slows down the city and blankets a lot of the unpleasant-ness," Maya Tudor, 29, said in New York City. "You never see New York this calm. It's an event."

Marches mark anniversary of '73 Roe v. Wade decision

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Activists on both sides of the abortion issue marched in demonstrations across the country to mark the 32nd anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.

The anniversary came amid speculation that retirements on the Supreme Court could alter its makeup and its long-standing defense of the Roe v. Wade decision during President Bush's second term. Chief Justice William Rehnquist is 80 and suffering from thyroid cancer. In San Francisco, thousands of

abortion opponents marched on the city's waterfront Saturday, chanting slogans like "Women deserve better." while abortion

rights supporters tried to drown them out with their own cries. Condoms were tossed at the

anti-abortion marchers, and people waved coat hangers in a reference to the days of back-alley abortions San Francisco Supervisor Tom

Ammiano said he thought it was ironic that anti-abortion activists chose the liberal West Coast city as the site for their demonstration.

Some abortion opponents hoisted crosses over their heads or held pictures of Jesus. They said they were prepared for a confron-

Police said two people were arrested for assaulting officers. though no injuries were reported.

Elsewhere, abortion opponents marched on state capitols in Colorado, South Carolina and Texas.

Former Marine held in abduction, death of Wal-Mart employee

TYLER, Texas - Shoppers placed flower bouquets and teddy bears on a table inside a Wal-Mart store where a 19-year-old employee was abducted last week and later found dead.

Police, meanwhile, tried to piece together what

happened between the time a surveillance camera captured Megan Leann Holden's abduction late Wednesday and the discovery of her body Friday in a ditch about 380 miles away.

Authorities said Holden was shot to death by a man who went on a multistate crime spree before turning up Friday at an Arizona hospital with a gun-

The suspect, Johnny Lee Williams, 24 and a former Marine, was jailed in Arizona on \$1 million bond on an aggravated kidnapping charge from Teyas authorities said

An autopsy was performed on Holden's body Sat urday, but officials would not release details until next week

At the Wal-Mart, shoppers paused Saturday to look at dozens of flower arrangements left in Holden's memory. Wal-Mart declined to discuss security measures

or how it monitors surveillance tapes, company spokeswoman Andrea Rader said Saturday The surveillance tape showed a man police identi

fied as Williams standing outside the store for about two hours before Holden was abducted. Tapes show Williams walking into the store a cou-

ple of times and then standing outside smoking, chating at times with some customers, police said.

Williams followed two women at different times, but as other people approached, walked back to the entrance before following Hold-

en to her pickup truck in a parking lot beside the store, police said

"I think he was just looking for an opportunity to get a vehi-cle, and I don't know if a woman was part of that or not, Martin said

Williams was discharged last year after four years as a Marine.

The suspect's aunt, Linda Williams, told the Tyler Morn-

Williams

ing Telegraph that her nephew seemed angrier and not as talkative since he re-

turned from Iraq. "All you can do is sit here and wonder, you know, what happened," she told the newspaper. "I guess he just snapped. I don't know. He's been asking for help ever since he came home from the military.

Bush's speech not prelude to aggression, father says

BY JIM VANDEHEI

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush's call for an end to tyranny worldwide should not be interpreted by foreign governments and the American people as a prelude to a more aggressive and warlike foreign policy in the second term, the president's father told reporters Saturday

"People want to read a lot into it - that this means new aggression or newly asserted military forces," former President George H.W. Bush said. "That's not what that [inaugural] speech is about. It's about freedom.

After George W. Bush's second inaugural address, in which he promised to defend those who seek freedom everywhere, there has been confusion overseas and in the United States over whether he was signaling a shift in foreign policy. Some interpreted the speech as presaging a more confrontational relationship with Russia, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other nations that are allies in the war on terrorism but also have records of abusing human rights

White House officials said in interviews Friday that Bush was not signaling a shift in policy, but rather seeking to clarify what administration officials call the "Bush doctrine of liberty" that the president feels should guide policy well after he leaves the White House

White House officials said the president plans to detail the policies that will flow from the inaugural address in the upcoming State of the Union speech.

In his weekly radio address, Bush returned to the issues that he has signaled will dominate his second term: Iraq, the war on terrorism and restructuring Social Security. "We will strive to keep the world's most dangerous weapons out of the hands of terrorists and tyrants," he said.



Artists Christo, left, and Jeanne-Claude walk between foundations for their art project "The Gates, Central Park, New York, 1979-2005" as they enter the park on Jan. 7.

Stem cell research lines reported tainted

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON human embryonic stem cells available for U.S. research are contaminated with nonhuman molecules from the culture me dium used to grow the cells researchers report.

The nonhuman cell-surface sialic acid can compromise the potential uses of the stem cells in humans, say scientists at the University of California, San Diego. Their study was pub lished Sunday in the online edition of Nature Medicine. Stem cells form very early in

an embryo's development. They can develop into numerous types of cells to form organs and other parts of the body. Researchers hope to use these cells to repair damaged organs and cure diseases.

The work is controversial be-cause the cells are taken from days-old embryos, which then

Opponents say this is unethical. President Bush has allowed federal government funding for

cell lines already in use, but not for newly developed ones.

Currently available stem cell drink milk all the time a this end into our early and the could be compared to lines have been grown in materials derived from animals. Such materials include connective tissue cells, called feeder layers.

That has raised concerns about potential contamination. Last summer, more than half the members of the Senate urged easing limits on new cell lines, noting that potential contamination could make available lines use for humans uncertain.

'People have always been concerned about the possibility that something deleterious might be transferred from feeder cells to stem cells. This puts a face on that substance," Dr. James Battey, chairman of the stem cell task force at the National Institutes of Health, said about the new report.

This is a safety consideration. ong with many others that will need to be addressed, Battey said.

The paper suggests that growing new stem cell lines in ways that avoid animal contaminants Battey also suggested that existells might be isolated from animal products for a time, allowWe eat animal products and

drink milk all the time and get this acid into our cells, and vet we are not always suffering from raging autoimmune dissaid Battey, who was not part of the research team.

The study reports that the cell lines currently approved for study under federal funding contain a sialic acid called N-glyco lylneuraminic acid or Neu5Gc Human embryonic stem cells

are contaminated by this acid "even when grown in special culture conditions with commer-cially available serum replacements, apparently because these are also derived from ani-mal products," said the lead researcher, Dr. Ajit Varki.

Human cells are unable to make the acid, Varki said. In ear-lier research he had found that imans have antibodies directed against Neu5Gc

The researchers said that when the team grew stem cells in human serum specially selected for low amounts of anti-Neu5Gc antibodies, the immune response was reduced but not completely eliminated.

Husband-and-wife artists watch as 'The Gates' takes shape in N.Y.

BY ELIZABETH LESURE The Associated Press

NEW YORK - It is a vision artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude have shared since 1979: thousands of yellow-gold fabric pan-els suspended above miles of foot-paths in Central Park, hung from specially designed "gates" to create meandering passageways with billowing, almost floating ceilings.

Now, more than two decades after they first began planning the controversial project, the hus-band-and-wife collaborators are finally watching "The Gates, Cen-tral Park, New York, 1979-2005" takes shape. The completed art-work, which will be on display for 16 days starting Feb. 12, will allow visitors to walk through 7,500 16-foot-tall, fabric-draped gates lining 23 miles of the park's pathways

Held in place by 15,000 steel bases, the gates will be installed at 12-foot intervals, allowing alterations for low branches. The project will feature 5,290 tons of steel, 60 miles of vinyl tubing and more than 1 million square feet of fabric — all to be recycled when the piece is dismantled.

The artists' Web site says that people who walk through the gates will experience "a golden ceiling creating warm shadows."
"When seen from the buildings

surrounding Central Park, The Gates will seem like a golden river appearing and disappearing through the bare branches of the trees and will highlight the shape of the footpaths," the Web site

The installation. Jeanne-Claude said, was "only a work of art, of joy and beauty" without any mess or agenda

The Gates" is the first New York City piece for the artists, whose large-scale works of art in public spaces around the world have been both exalted and maligned.

Their temporary, outdoor pieces on a monumental scale have no equivalent, according to Anne Strauss, who curated an exhibit about Christo and Jeanne-Claude at the Metropolitan Museum of Art last year.
"They really occupy a unique

position in contemporary art," Strange gaid Both 69, the artists share a birth-

day: June 13, 1935. He was born Christo Javacheff in Gabrovo. Bulgaria; Jeanne-Claude Denat de Guillebon was born to French parents in Casablanca, Morocco, The couple met in Paris in 1958 and have a 44-year-old son. Christo and Jeanne-Claude con-

sider "Dockside Packages, Co-logne Harbor, 1961" — a grouping of oil barrels covered with tarpaulins - their first collaboration. They are known for "wrapping" large structures — such as the German Reichstag (parliament building), in 1995. They have been envisioning art

for New York since 1964, when they set up a permanent home in Soho. The idea for "The Gates" was conceived in 1979, and the artists presented their proposal to officials and community boards in 1980.

They were met with a lot of skep-They were met with a lot of skep-ticism. According to the 2002 au-thorized biography "Christo and Jeanne-Claude," by Burt Cher-now, one detractor called the project "an example of cultural imperialism" and another called it "a mustache on the Mona Lisa."

The Parks Department formal-

ly rejected the proposal in 1981,

and the artists continued with

work elsewhere.The project's

chances dramatically improved when Michael Bloomberg, who once sat on the board of the Central Park Conservancy and sup ported the project, was elected mayor in 2001. The Central Park Conservan-

cy, a private organization that manages the park, approved the work in December 2002, and city officials gave it the green light.
The artists, who do not accept

grants or donations, are bearing the entire cost themselves. Though the final budget won't be known until the artwork is com-pleted, Jeanne-Claude and Christo hope the total will be under \$21 million. They're also donating \$3 million to the city's Parks Department and the Central Park Conservancy, which might placate those who don't support the project, Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe said.



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Animal cruelty

NM ROSWELL — A rou tine traffic stop led to the discovery of more than 60 sick and hungry cats in the back of a movdriven van by 71-year-old woman.

Mary Jane Lyle pleaded not guilty to multiple counts of animal cruelty at a court appearance. She was being held in a Chaves County detention center.

If she is prosecuted, the charges carry possible prison time.

An officer pulled over the van because one of its taillights was out. While the officer was talking to Lyle, he heard noises coming from the back

The cats were turned over to local animal control officers.

Mom gives son crack

MO KANSAS CITY — A mother has been arrested on charges that she gave crack to her 4-year-old son to "calm him

Michelle R. Shelton, 32, of Kansas City, was arrested on a child endangerment charge.

Police said the boy did not suffer any obvious injuries from taking the highly addictive drug. He remains in state custody

Do as I say, not as I do

MT HELENA — The new director of the state Transportation Department owned a concrete company when it was charged with nearly 1.000 violations of overweight truck laws enforced by the same agency he now heads, according to court records.

Jim Lynch's company paid \$63,550 in fines in 1991, but he said the state was making an example out of Pack & Co. Inc. at a time when it was common practice among concrete and paving companies to operate overloaded trucks.

Lynch, who took office Jan. 3 but still faces Senate confirmation, said the case does not affect his ability to he transportation chief

Gov. Brian Schweitzer said he was aware of the charges filed against Lynch's business, and that he talked with Lynch about the matter before nominating him. The violations did not give him pause about choosing Lynch, he said.

No date for Lynch's confirmation hearing has been set.

New city parking fees

RUTLAND — There's nothing like a new \$3 parking fee to get people to look elsewhere for a space to leave their vehicles That's what city officials have dis-

covered since beginning to charge for parking in a 600-space public garage that formerly had been free

Some motorists have sought out city lots with cheaper fees, while others have tried to sneak in for free at privately-owned parking areas

The four-story parking deck on West Street hasn't exactly gone unused: More than 400 people have long-term passes to the deck and 30 to 40 other motorists are paying on a daily basis to park there, state officials said

Giant squid wash ashore

CA NEWPORT BEACH — Hundreds of giant squid are washing up on Orange County



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beaches, creating a scene more akin to "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" than "The O.C."

The bug-eyed sea creatures, believed to be Humboldt squid, normally reside in deep water and come to the surface only at night. Why approximately 500 of them began washing up on the sands of Laguna Beach and Newport Beach isn't clear.

Authorities said the squid — the biggest weighing 17 pounds might have been pursuing bait fish and gotten too close to shore, or the tides might simply have carried them in.

Authorities plan to remove the squid and will give at least a cou-ple to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History for research.

Good deed rewarded

NC CONCORD — Edwin Workman and Todd Little will be treated like VIPs at NASCAR's Nextel All-Star Challenge. The men, both sanitation work-

ers, returned 51 \$100 bills folded in a money clip in the pocket of a shirt tossed in the garbage Dec. 31. The cash was more than two months' combined take-home pay for the two men.

We were raised right and we immediately knew what the right thing to do was and that was to return the money back to the proper



Lifesavers at work Firefighters battle a blaze in Clinton Township, Pa. The fire burned out of control for more than two hours and five people were left homeless but no one was injured, according to Montgomery Borough

owner as soon as possible," Little said. Humpy Wheeler,

president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway, was so impressed with the men's honesty he decided to re-ward them. Wheeler arranged for VIP tickets to NEXTEL All-Star Challenge on May 21, with reserved parking and a pre-race pit tour.
"NASCAR is a working

man's sport and you guys are honest, hard-working people," Wheeler told them.

Homework lawsuit

WI MILWAUKEE — A student whose vacation plans were spoiled has sued to end summer homework in Wisconsin, claiming it creates an unfair workload and unnecessary stress.

Peer Larson, 17, had lined up a dream camp counselor job last June, but honors pre-calculus homework turned his summer into a headache.

"It didn't completely ruin my summer, but it did give me a lot of undue stress both at home and at work," the high school junior said. T just didn't have the energy or the time for it

Larson and his father sued in Milwaukee County Circuit Court seeking the end of summer homework across the state. They argue that homework shouldn't be required after the required 180-day school year is over.

School administrators have told the family that honors courses require some summer work.

Whitnall School Superintendent Karen Petric said the district did its best to address the Larsons' con-

Desegregation case

AZ TUCSON — The Tucson Unified School District asked a federal judge to declare that the district is now integrated. That would close a decades-old desegregation case. The district has been working under a 1978 settlement, changing attendance boundaries and creating more magnet schools to comply with federal law.

Surgery souvenir

PA DANVILLE — A woman is suing a doctor who operated on her, accusing him of leaving a 4-inch metal instrument inside her uterus

In her lawsuit, Lori Klinger, 35, said she experienced severe pain after Dr. Samuel Owusu per-formed a diagnostic laparoscopy on her in November 2002 to check for endometriosis, a condition where some of the uterus lining is found outside the uterus

She said when she called Owusu later complaining of pain, he said it was normal and told her to take pain medication.

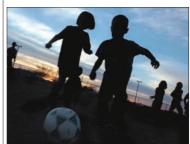
Two days later, she went to the bathroom and an instrument emerged from her vagina, the lawsuit said. Klinger said it was sharp on one end with a rubber bulb on the other

This mistake happens at least once a year at hospitals that perform 8,000 to 18,000 surgeries a year, despite the regular use of checklists to account for instruments used during operations, said Ramona Conner of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses.



Big, Frozen Apple

Ice floats in New York Harbor with the skyline of lower Manhattan as a backdrop. The city was bracing for what was expected to be the area's biggest snowfall so far this winter.



Members of the Harker Heights Getting their kicks Parks and Recreation Blizzard peewee soccer team work out during an evening practice beneath the setting sun in Harker Heights, Texas.



Donkeys stand in a snow-Where's breakfast?

covered barnyard near Radford, Va., waiting for their morning helping of hav, Southwestern Virginia received its first significant snow of the season last week.



Big air Surfer Jesse Columbo of Santa Cruz, Calif., gets nice air while surfing in Monterey Bay.



Flush likes luxury Amanda Schnoor of Chowchilla, Calif., leads her Maine Angus crossbred named Flush into the statety Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver for display at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo.



Slick sledding Christoph Roeer and his 2-year-old son, Henri, enjoy the snow in Maymont Park in Richmond, Va.



Don't Worry — it's not real Aaron Wild, 20, of Honeoye, N.Y., transformed a snow bank pile on the front yard of his girlfriend's house in Bloomfield, N.Y., into a giant turtle. He is seen here coloring the body of the turtle. Wild said the project took him about 20 hours over several days to complete.

Peeping Tom crackdown

MONTPELIER — A Senate committee is working on a bill that would make it illegal to lurk outside and look into people's

The bill would also make it illegal to photograph a person naked or partially clothed without permission in a place where the person should expect privacy, including homes, locker rooms and restrooms.

The committee debated whether that should exempt store security cameras or private detectives.

Some of the details of the bill drew concerns from the American Civil Liberties Union. Executive Direct Allen Gilbert said he's worried about people being entrapped by the law since it can be a fine line between walking by someone's house versus peering in imprudently. Gilbert told the committee with some modifications he's close to being able to accept the bill.

Social promotion debate

TAMPA—Bolstered by statistics showing students who are held back benefit from remedial education, the Florida Board of Education decided to ask lawmakers to end "social promotion" at all grade levels.

Board officials said it would be an important step in ensuring students are prepared when they are promoted to the next grade. However, details of how the state would handle the tens of thousands of children who wouldn't advance have not yet been worked out.

Right now, only third-graders in Florida have to show they read at the appropriate skill levels before they are promoted to the fourth grade. Those who are held back can attend summer reading camps or repeat the third grade.

The issue is a touchy one for parents, who often fight having their children held back.

Sheep take over mowing

AR DUTCH MILLS — It's not as cold in northwest Arkansas as it is in Iceland, but a flock of Icelandic sheep doesn't seem to mind.

Dennis and Marilyn Miles say their Icelandic flock in southwest Washington County is the only one in the state.
"We had some friends here a

year ago in October," said Marilyn Miles. "Dennis told them how much time he spent mowing. Our friends said we ought to get some sheep."

The Miles did some research and were intrigued by what they found out about the breed from Ice-land, the island nation in the North Atlantic Ocean. The breed is 1,100 years old, and Dennis Miles describes them as "maintenance-free."

The sheep cost about \$700 to \$1,000 a head, she said.

Mother Goose gear gone

SC ROCK HILL—Police want this tale of a stolen Mother Goose costume to end happily ever after.

Jane Hayes said someone stole her Mother Goose outfit after shattering a rear window in her minivan

Hayes has worn the costume for the past 20 years, teaching at schools and during community

events

"It's not like you could wear it out and about. You'd get spotted in a minute," said Hayes, who is an environmental educator for Rock Hill's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.

The thief also made off with \$300 in gift certificates.

Jackalope getting its due

CHEYENNE—The meadowlark, bison and horned toad are all official symbols of Wyoming. The jackalope, most elusive of the state's critters, may soon ioin the list.

The Wyoming House voted 45-12 to declare the part-antelope, part-jackrabbit as the state's official mythical creature. The legislation now goes to the state Senate. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Dave Ed-

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Dave Edwards, hopes his measure as a boon to retail sales of stuffed jackalones.

"It's highly possible it will certainly boost the tourism industry, which has a lot of gift shops and sells all kinds of different jackalones." he said.

Taxidermist Doug Herrick is credited with creating the first jackalope in 1939 by screwing antelope horns to a mounted jackrab-

Critical graffiti

NEW YORK — Say it, don't spray it.

Police arrested a man who allegedly found a messy way to complain about restaurants where he believed he had received poor service or been served bad food: graffiti.

Miguel Camacho, 29, was arrested after eluding police for six months, police said. He was suspected in more than 60 spray-painting incidents.

Camacho scrawled his trademark tag, "VAMP," on the outside of restaurants where he had negative experiences, said Lt. Thomas Conforti of the NYPD's 112th Precinct.

His targets included a pizzeria in Queens that Camacho said served bad pizza, and a Chinese take-out restaurant in Rego Park where he believed he had been overcharged, police said.

New schools opening

CHICAGO — Ten new high schools and eight new elementary schools will open this fall, public school officials said.

Seven of the 18 will be charter schools. It's part of Mayor Richard M. Daley's plan to ease overcrowding and improve underperforming schools in the nation's third-largest school district.

State: Move billboard

WA ARLINGTON — The state Transportation Department has told the Stillaguamish Tribe to move a casino billboard from Interstate 5.

Officials say the sign directing

traffic to its Angel of the Winds Casino is too close to the exit, about a mile ahead.

Tribal officials declined to com-

ment. The tribe has nominated the casino land, currently zoned for agricultural use, for federal trust status.

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Newlyweds Melania Knauss and Donald Trump

Trump marries for third time

BY JILL BARTON

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The bride's gown was worth more than most American homes. Her diamond-studded ring cost more than many yachts.

But the groom's hair? Self-styled. Donald Trump married Slovenian model Melania Knauss Saturday with all the glamour, glitz and gold that money and star power can buy. Knauss walked down the aisle to "Ave Maria"

and guests broke into applause when the real estate mogul-turned reality TV star kissed the bride. The couple slipped into Trump's Mercedes-Benz Maybach parked near a side entrance after the

Maybach parked near a side entrance after the 30-minute ceremony and drove past hundreds of cheering spectators with the help of a police escort. "Oh, it was beautiful. It was all just lovely," singer Tony Bennett said.

Another guest, Kathy Hilton, the mother of hotel heiress Paris Hilton, said "it was very romantic. Everything was just beautiful. She looked like a mircess. They exuded confidence."

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And when The Donald kissed the full "It was a full to the confidence." It was a full to the confidence in the setting for the opulent reception was Trump's newly unveiled \$42 million Versailles-in-spired ballroom at his Mar-a-Lage estate and club in Palm Beach, complete with 24-karat gold moldings, custom-made crystal chandeliers and mar-

in Fam. Beach, conjecte with 24-Xaa a goot manings, custom-made crystal chandeliers and marble floors covering 11,000 square feet. About 400 people lined the street outside the church Saturday afternoon for a glimpse of a celebrity — or even the bride. Cheers erupted as the limousines began dropping off guests and a few yelled, "It's George!" when Trump business and

Jenus, Iras George Ross arrived European royalty, Hollywood celebrity and Palm Beach money, including "The Apprentice" producer Mark Burnett. Other guests included television personalties Barbara Walters, Star Jones, Matt Lauer, Kelly Ripa, Regis Philbin and former New York

City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The nuptials marked the third trip down the aisle for Trump, 58, and came just days after the start of the third season of his TV show.

Guests were also to include New York Gov. George Pataki, singer Billy Joel, and possibly royalty. Prince Charles and Prince Albert of Monaco reportedly received invitations.

About 400 guests RSVP'd to attend, said Pat Saylor, Mar-a-Lago's catering and special events director. The wedding took place two miles away at a classic, garden-studded stone church, the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, next to the Breakers resort golf course.

But what's typically among the biggest surprises for the guests and groom — the wedding gown — had already been seen.

Kanass, 34, posed for a traditional pre-wedding portrait in the gown and her \$1.5 million engagement ring and untraditionally shared it with the world on the cover of Vogue magazine. The Christian Dior original, which reportedly cost \$200,000, and 300 feet of satin and a 13-foot train that took 550 hours to embroider. So much that the bride It weighed \$50 pounds — so much that the bride

It weighed 50 pounds — so much that the bride planned to slip into a lighter Vera Wang dress after the couple's first dance.

Who doesn't love you, **Ving?**

Critics, for starters: They don't see him as Kojak

BY LISA DE MORAES

LOS ANGELES — TV critics drove Ving Rhames to tears recently, after which they pounced on a maternal Bravo network suit who tried to protect Ben Affleck from suffering the

Rhames was here at Winter Television Press Tour 2005 to promote his remake of the cop series "Kojak" on USA Net-

work, now owned by NBC Universal.

Some of the critics didn't seem real happy about the "Kojak" remake, in which Rhames takes the role of Lt. Theo

Kojak made famous by Telly Savalas.

In particular they seemed to have trouble getting their heads around the idea of an African American in a role that had been very Greek American in the original.

Early in the session, Rhames said he never watched "Kojak" while growing up in Harlem in the '70s: "Who wanted to see a white man arresting some black people. .. I saw that every day." That was perhaps not the most diplomatic way to address critics' qualms, even though Rhames added that sometimes while learning his lines he feels Savalas' spiri-

"It seems like you're sort of banking on people only vaguely remembering" the original series, another critic complained to the panel, which included co-stars Chazz Palminteri and Roselyn Sanchez, executive producer Tom Thayer and USA Natured chief Royne Harmey

and USA Network chief Bonnie Hammer.

"What," the critic asked, "besides borrowing a few iconic ideas, do you do with a show like this?"

Thayer replied that "it's a whole new ballgame" that is "all about Ving Rhames" but that using the Kojak name "gets you in the door." Ouch.

"So why wouldn't you just start from scratch and come up with another name...," the critic asked tectily

"Because, hello, it's a pre-sold title, silly, and in this age of a couple hundred channels, any time you come up with some way to pre-sell a new series, you take it, and shouldn't you know that if you cover this industry?" is, of course, what someone on the panel should have replied.

But, alas, Thayer gave the "this is new, entirely new" thing another shot, while Hammer went with "from the network's point of view... we had an amazing character, who is a real kick-ass but with a heart," and Rhames said something about many actors having played James Bond. This only fueled the flame.

"Kojak was a very ethnic character," one critic said. Another asked, "Does the two-hour pilot address the issue of how an African-American guy ended up with the name Then Kojak?"

Rhames did a good job with that one: "My real first name, and I know I look like a nice Jewish guy, is Irving."

And still the critics wouldn't let go. Another wanted

to know how the new show planned to handle the original series's famous catchphrase "Who loves you, baby?"
"Let me see — Who loves to get medieval on your libei.

"Let me see — 'Who loves to get medieval on your [heinie]?' " Rhames answered.

"That was a serious question," the critic shot back.
"That was a serious answer," Rhames replied.
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Rhames seemed to be doing great against this mostly hostile television press corps, but the quizzing took a toll. At the end of the Q&A session, one critic asked Rhames how often he thinks back to that night at the Golden Globe Awards in 1998 when he won best actor in a TV miniseries for "Don King: Ohly in America" and handed the trophy over to his competitor Jack Lemmon. Did he really let Lemmon keep the trophy, the critic wanted to know.

The big guy cracked.
"I thank God that He used me in that moment to really show what I think being an artist is about," Rhames said, his

eves beginning to tear up.

"So often I think this industry pushes almost a competition between actors, and that's why, for me, even though this is called 'Kojak,' this is to me, it's USA, it's NBC, it's Universal, it's Chazz Palminteri, it's Roselyn Sanchez. ... I think it takes a village to raise a good television show."

Rhames continued, his voice catching, tears slipping down his check: "So for me, it's — and I mean no offense by this, but whether the name is Kojak or Lopez ... what I'm trying to do as an artist and as a man and as part of my legacy on this planet is show how similar we are, how if I take any kid and raise him in the ghetto in Hardem and he goes out and kills someone or steals from someone ... the system is set up so that kid is damn near born in a trap... I'm trying to get the world to see that there's really not that much difference between you and I. And my name really doesn't matter.

"Hopefully my heart and my spirit matters to you."

"We have time for one more question," Hammer said brightly from the stage as Rhames sat weeping and critics looked on uncomfortably.

"Actually, I think that's a great note to end on," she said.



Serial killer aims to end execution hiatus

BY STEVENSON SWANSON Chicago Tribune

SOMERS, Conn. - For about as long as Michael Ross has been alive, no New England state has carried out a death sen tence. Both Ross' life and that long hiatus in executions could end Wednesday when Ross, a convicted serial killer, is scheduled to die in Connecticut's death chamber here

If all goes according to plan, it will be the first execution in the six New England states in 45 years, which also is Ross' age. In a region generally seen as more socially liberal than such strongholds of capital punishment as Texas and Virginia, the case has become the focus of intense interest, in part because Ross has said he wants

Although death penalty opponents maintain he probably could delay his execution for at least five years with various appeals Ross has instructed his lawyer to drop all

Ross has instructed his lawyer to drop all challenges to the sentence and to oppose others, including Ross' father, who have sought to intervene on his behalf. "He does not want to put the victims' families through any more pain," said T.R. Paulding, Ross' attorney. "He believes it's the right thing to do."

Ross, a Cornell University graduate, admitted killing eight teenage girls and young women in Connecticut and New York in the early 1980s.

He also raped some of his victims. After nearly 18 years on death row, Ross is scheduled to die at about 2 a.m. EST Wednesday. The execution by injection

Michael Ross wants to die in Connecticut despite others' efforts to challenge ruling percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life imprisonment, compared with 37 percent of those polled said they favored life in the polled said they favored life in principles and the polled said they favored life in the polled said they fa despite others' efforts to challenge ruling

will take place at the Osborn Correctional Institution, part of a complex of state prisons in this northern Connecticut village

But several last-minute legal challenges remain. The Connecticut Supreme Court scheduled a Saturday hearing - the first in its history — to consider arguments by the Missionary Society of Connecticut, a church group that wants Ross' sentence commuted to life in prison.

The state's highest court also heard arguments Friday by public defenders and the lawyer representing Dan Ross, the convict's father

Both parties say a lower court improper ly denied their motions to intervene in the

Death penalty opponents hold little hope that they can delay the execution. All legal challenges have failed so far, and Gov. Jodi Rell said last month that she would not grant Ross a reprieve. She also promised to veto any move by the state legislature to abolish the death penalty or impose a moratorium on executions.

The Ross case is coming to a head at a time when executions nationwide have declined. Last year the ultimate sanction was carried out 59 times, down from a high of 98 executions in 1999. And the number of death sentences handed down has fallen by more than half since 1998.

Those numbers seem to reflect new concerns about capital punishment in light of a spate of exonerations nationwide, brought about by DNA evidence that clears a convict, doubts cast on jailhouse confessions and questions regarding the competence of many murder suspects' legal 44 I owe them

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Michael Ross

Serial killer on why

But "volunteers" such as Ross are difficult to stop, said Richard Dieter, director of the Death Penalty Informa-tion Center in Washington, who noted that Gary Gilmore, the first convict to be execut-ed following the reinstatement of capital punishment in the 1970s, was a volunteer. About 1 in 9 convicts who are executed fall into that catego

ry.
"I don't think it reflects a shift in attitudes," Dieter said. "The region remains reluctant to impose the death pen-

Recent surveys have shown ambivalence in Connecticut residents' attitudes about the ultimate punishment. A Quinnipiac University poll found that, given a choice between imposing the death sentence or life in prison without parole, 49

Ross' execution. A University of Connecti-cut poll last week found that 81 percent of surveyed thought the sentence should be carried out.

That may reflect public revulsion at the gruesome nature of the crimes — Ross, who has said he suffers from "sexual sadism," strangled his victims - and sympa-

thy for the families

"People say that time heals all wounds," Edwin Shelley, the father of a 14-year-old whom Ross raped and strangled on Easter Sunday 1984. said after a court appearance last month. "That wound is still as open today as it was then. You can live with it, you can adjust to it, but when it's brought up, it hurts like

In the most recent chalhe wants to die lenge to his mental state, Ross was interviewed last month in his prison cell for four hours by a court-appointed psychiatrist. He talked at length about the families of his victims and

> why he should die Wednesday. 'I believe I have a moral responsibility to these people," he said in excerpts published this month after a judge ruled he was competent. "I owe them. I killed their daughters.

Slaying of N.J. family spurs new wave of anti-Muslim sentiment

BY WAYNE PARRY The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. - The dirty looks and shouted slurs started in 1993 after Muslims living here helped plan the bombing that damaged the World Trade Center just across the Hudson River

They intensified after Sept. 11, 2001, when Muslim hijackers destroved the twin towers. Now a third wave of anti-Mus-

lim sentiment is washing over New Jersey's second-largest city, sparked this time by reports that the murders of an Egyptian Christian man, his wife and two young daughters might have been carried out by Muslims angered by messages the man posted in an Internet chat room.

The strife is particularly distressing in light of efforts the area's Muslim community made to reach out to other faiths and strengthen ties after the 9/11 attacks. Imams visited churches and synagogues. Joint prayer breakfasts and open houses were Muslim merchants visited the

homes of their Christian and Jewish counterparts, and strongly denounced the attacks.

"We've been working for three years on getting Christians together with Muslims," said Mohamed Younes, president of the American Muslim Union. "Now much of that progress is gone. It is definitely going to be set back."

The bodies of Hossam Armanious, a 47-year-old Coptic Chris-



A crying mourner carries a hand-drawn cross and a photo of Amal Garas during a funeral for an Egyptian Christian family in Jersey City, N.J., on Jan. 17.

tian, his 37-year-old wife, Amal Garas, and their daughters, Sylvia, 15, and Monica, 8, were discovered Jan. 14 in the family's home. They had been bound and gagged, and each was stabbed repeatedly in the neck and head. No arrests have been made.

Although prosecutors have stressed that robbery remains a possible motive in the case, many in this city's sizable Egyptian pop-ulation believe the killings were religiously motivated.

That feeling is all too familiar for people like Ahmed Shedeed, director of the Islamic Center of Jersey City.

"We Muslims living in America are getting sick of this crap," he "Why should we have to apologize for or make a defense of something we had nothing to do with? There is no proof at all that Muslims had anything to do with this, yet we are taking the blame again. Is Islam on trial, or is a killer on trial?"

After the killings, Muslims tried anew to mend fences, but the results were mixed, at best Several attended the family's funeral but a New York cleric was escorted out of the church hall as a precaution after a heckler shouted at him. Mourners engaged in several scuffles before and after the funeral, including one in which about 35 people pushed. shoved and traded punches in the street while others yelled anti-Islam slogans

A few days later, Muslim leaders called a news conference to try to calm religious tensions, but Coptic leaders who were invited did not attend, citing a religious holiday, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrating Jesus' baptism. A similar interfaith event planned for this Sunday, which had been in the works for months, was postponed because of the snowstorm heading for the area.

The killings have spread fear among Coptic Christians far beyond Jersey City. Relatives of the Armanious family in Egypt blamed the killings on violence and weak interpersonal relationships in American society. Mem-bers of the St. Abraam's Coptic



Elba Torres looks at a memorial set up outside the Armanious family home in Jersey City, N.J., on Thursday. The murder of the family of four, who were Coptic Christians who immigrated from Egypt, has raised anti-Muslim sentiments among some in this community. Investigators are looking into the possibility that Hossam Armanious had angered Muslims with his postings in an Internet chat room.

Orthodox Church in Woodbury N.V. said the killings anneared to "a religiously motivated hate crime against Coptic Christians. "A lot of families are feeling the

fear and terror that comes along with something like this," said Maged Riad, a church member.

"They got them in their home in the middle of the night. People want to know they can be safe in their own homes

Many Coptics complain of dis crimination in Egypt, where violence between the two communities has flared sporadically in recent years. Coptic Christians comprise less than 6 percent of Egypt's population. The church is part of the family of the Oriental Orthodox Churches of Syria, Ethi-opia and Armenia. Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics split in 1054 over the authority of

At St. George & St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church in Jersey City, where the Armanious family was active, the Rev. David Bebawy urged restraint and said he was troubled by the heated rhetoric that followed the slav-

'We are waiting to see what the result of the investigation is," he said. "It's too early to blame any-

Suzanne Loutfy, a Muslim leader of the Egyptian-American Group, asked people not to blame Islam if the killers are found to be Muslim.

"People are so willing to con-demn an entire religion," she said. "That's what the big problem is. People commit crimes; religions don't. I hope we can be intelligent enough to separate those AFRICA

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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with early morning snowshowers. Highs in the 30s, lows in the 20s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s, lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with snowshowers. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s, lows in the upper 20s.

France: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers along the coast and snowshowers in the north. Highs in the lower 30s to lower 40s, lows in the 20s

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with afternoon snowshowers. High in the upper 20s, lows in the high teens to lower 20s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the mid 20s to low 30s, lows in the lower teens to lower 20s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy with evening snowshowers. Highs in the upper 20s. lows in the teens.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with iso-lated AM rainshowers. Highs in the lower 40s to lower 50s, lows in the lower 20s to lower 30s.

Southern Italy: Mostly clou rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 60s, lows in the 30s.

Kosovo: Cloudy with snow. Highs in the lower 40s, lows in the upper 20s. Norway: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 20s to lower 30s, lows in the

Portugal, Spain: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the south in the mid 50s to mid 60s, and highs in the north in the 40s. Lows in the south in the upper 30s to lower 40s, and lows in the north in the mid teens to lower

20s. Turkey: Sunny to partly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms along the western coast. Highs in the upper 40s to upper 50s, lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

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afternoon, all the inventive energy of the Aguarian solar influence is given dimension. The impending full moon adds the exhilarat **Holiday Mathis** ed buzz that comes from letting creativity sing through us. Creativity, like

love, isn't something one needs to generate. Its energy is already present, and we need only be open

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

to it

(January 24). This year, you'll realize how truly loved you are. Family and friends shower you with attention, while quardian angels disguised as perfect strangers emerge to offer you assistance. Be sure you know what you want this spring. You'll purchase a luxury item in September. A romantic getaway beckons in July or October, Love signs are Leo and Libra. Your lucky numbers are:

29, 34, 12, 13 and 44. ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Prepare for a change of events in your social life. The sudden entrance or exit of a certain individual sets off a fortuitous chain of events enabling you to pursue your dreams with energy and enthusiasm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel as though your life is a reality TV show - you're constantly "on" and don't seem to have as

much privacy as you're accustomed to. Your existence is more glamorous than you think. Enjoy your skyrocketing ratings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You are of two minds regarding an important career path. One road requires much patience and waiting the other immediate action. If you're really stuck, ask yourself, "What would fellow Gemini Clint Fastwood

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Small changes you make to you life, if practiced consistently, can tally huge benefits for you over time. Don't forget that every journey begins with a single step, and every step begins with a single thought.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22), Someone else's trash is your treasure. Check out flea markets, used bookstores, eBay, vintage clothing stores and other places where you're likely to turn lead into gold. A fantastic find is yours for the asking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule. Try not to fret too much. While this

sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be worth the

wait LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're magnetic, effortlessly

drawing people to you and widening your already large circle of

Embrace the new more sociable you. A romantic partner is being very mysterious. Adopting a wait-and-see attitude is best.

friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

A message from a far-off friend may bring an invitation to travel and perhaps study abroad. Make you plans well in advance so you have time to save up. A change of scenery would do you good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Money's a little tight as bills from the holiday season roll in. Penny pinching is definitely not your style, but a little self-control serves you well. Do you really need to buy more books, or can you visit the

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19). You have a calming effect on those around you, a trait that may prove valuable in the business

Just be sure your boss doesn't see you as irreplaceable, or you'll never convince him or her to give you that promotion

world

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let your innate courage guide you

into your future. Just because your dream sounds far-fetched, that's no reason to abandon it. Use your common sense, but allow your creativity equal say. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A project that encountered delays

last month heats up once again You've had plenty of time to plot and think — the time to act is now! Self-doubt's a major waste of time Lead by the strength of your convictions.

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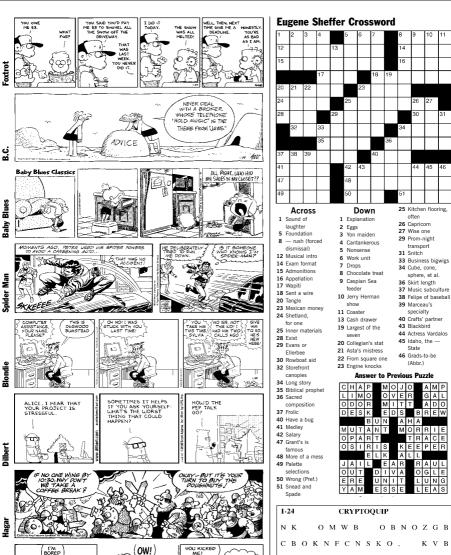








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AND NOW YOU'RE NOT BORED!

UNKVCMMW GMMCO WZJVK "UFMRO" NSG "JFAAO. Saturday's Cryptoquip: TWO LAUNDERERS WERE IN A HOT DEBATE, BUT THEY FINALLY

IRONED OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals S

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

not encouraging

Move to new town bothers mother

Dear Abby: 1 am a

26-year-old woman who has been married for a year and a half After our wedding, my husband, "Wendell," and I moved 21/2 hours away from my hometown I have a job in the catering business and my husband is a successful attorney. I'm Dear Abby happier now than I have

ever been The problem is my mother, who has never stopped making me feel guilty about moving. Recently, Mom has become mean and offensive, saying maybe she should just forget about me rather than deal with the pain of my living so far away. She says she'd rather not see her future grandchildren at all if it's going to be only once or twice a month. Mother expects me to visit her

whenever I have free time. She refuses to accept that I work full time and have responsibilities. I have tried to reason with her; her only response is that I should move closer. I know she misses me, but I feel she is being unreasonable. I know of many other parents who have supported their children moving away. I'm afraid I'll lose my mother if I don't move closer. Can you give me some advice?

> - Missing My Mom in Virgin Dear Missing: Please don't sacrifice a life in which you are happier than you have ever been in order to please vour mother. That you were able to marry and leave the nest is proof that she was successful

as a parent. In some

families, the umbilical

cord is never severed it stays connected with chicken soup running in between - and it's not healthy for anyone.

Dear Abby: I was dating a man for nearly a year, and it was wonderful until things started to unrayel. After we had dated for several months and things were

starting to get serious, he intro-duced me to his 7-year-old daugh-"Emma

Emma and I took to each other immediately and became great friends. She would call me on the phone and ask to hang out with me and her dad

Sadly, things with her father and me didn't work out, and I broke off the relationship. Now I'm struggling to explain to Emma why I'm no longer around. What is the best way to deal with this?

— Heartbroken in Virginia Dear Heartbroken: The kindest thing would be to visit with Emma and explain to her that the relationship you had with her father wasn't meant to be. Tell her that you think she is terrific and the breakup had nothing to do with her, so she won't be left with the impression that it's because of something she did. You'll be doing the child a favor

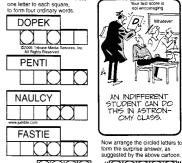
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(Answers tomorrow)

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Boyfriend hid cross-dressing side

Dear Annie: Lam a middle-aged, divorced lady with two older teens at home. I am conserva tive and have a good job in a medium-sized town

I have been dating "Gregg," also divorced, for over a year, and everything is going great. He is responsible, kind, sensitive, and a wonderful, passionate man. We have been making tentative plans to marry, and we

love each other very much. Here's the catch. Once, I noticed Gregg wearing women's panties. He thought it was too dark for me to see him, but when he got undressed and went into the bathroom. I turned on the light and saw a nice pair of lacy, nylon panties. I was shocked because

Gregg is a macho guy.

When he came back in the oom, I was holding the panties He was embarrassed, but came clean and told me he has been a cross-dresser since childhood. He

apologized for not telling me. I don't want to end our relation ship, but I also don't want to see



woman. Gregg said that he dresses up once or twice a week for a few hours, that it relaxes him and is important for his mental health I am good-natured

and think I could handle it if he does it when I'm not around. But I'm worried that my children or family will make a fuss if they find

out Please advise me

as I am in love with a wonderful man but very confused Hoosier Panties in an Uproar

Dear Hoosier: You have a healthy, tolerant attitude, which bodes well for your future with Gregg. Understand that Gregg is not going to give up cross-dress-ing, but he should respect your request that he not do it in front of you or your family. However, it is still quite possible that someone will find out. Before making any commitments, please get more information on the subject. We recommend Tri-Ess (tri-ess.org), a

support group for heterosexual

cross-dressers and their partners

Dear Annie: I am getting older, and while I have many friends. I have no family mem bers. I have started giving away many of my things to people who will treasure them. However, when I die. I will need someone to clean out my closets and drawers and dispose of my basic possessions. I do not want my friends to deal with this. Are there people who handle this sort of thing

- San Dimas Calif Dear San Dimas: Yes. Talk to a lawyer and draw up your will so your wishes will be followed. Then appoint someone to be you executor. It can be a friend, or your lawyer, banker, etc. Let them know the situation, and ask them, when the time comes, to hire a service to clean your home and donate or liquidate your possessions

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Family Circus



"PJ can go outside now, Mommy. I've got him all bungled up."





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AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—College basketball: North Carolina St. at Maryland (did). AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—NFL: NFC champion-ship game, Atlanta at Philadelphia (did). AFN-Sports, 6:30 p.m.—NFL: AFC champion-ship game, New England at Pittsburgh (did).

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J. Illinois (19-0) did not play. Next: at No. 24
W. Sconsin, Tuesday,
2. Kansas (14-1) lost to Villanova 83-62.
Next: at Baylor, Tuesday beat No. 20 Cincinnati 74-70. Next: at No. 12 Georgia Tech,
Thursday,
4. Duke (15-0) beat Florida State 88-56.
Next: vs. Maryland, Wednesday, June 92-82. 4, Dukin (15-0) Deptt Florida State 88-56.

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14. Louisville (6-3) before 1 mursday,
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15. Texas (14-4) lost to No. 18 Oklahoma
64-60. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Tuesday,
16. Connecticut (11-4) lost to No. 21 Pittsburgh 76-66. Next: at West Virginia, Tuesday,
17. Mississippi State (16-4) beat South
Carolina 73-65. Next: at LSU, Saturday,
18. Oklahoma (16-3) beat Mark
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Carolina 73-65. Next: at LSU, Saturday.
18. Oklahoma (15-2) beat No. 15 Texas
64-60. Next: vs. No. 5 Oklahoma State, Monday.
19. Michigan State (12-3) beat Minnesota
69-55. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday. 69-55. Next. vs. Michigan, Thursday. 20. Cincinnati (15-3) lost to No. 3 Wake Forest 74-70. Next; at South Florida, Thursday. 21. Pittsburgh (13-3) beat No. 16 Connectut 76-66. Next. vs. No. 7 Syracuse, Saturday. 22. Alabama (15-3) beat Mississippi 66-58. Next; at Auburn Wadender. 22. Alabama (15-3) beat Mississippi 66-58. Next: at Auburn, Wednesday. 23. lowa (14-4) beat Purdue 71-57. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday. 24. Wisconsin (13-3) beat Michigan 72-61. Next: vs. No. 1 Illinois, Tuesday. 25. Marquette (14-4) lost to Charlotte 76-66. Next: at No. 14 Louisville, Wednesday.

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Saturday

1. Duke (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 9
North Carolina, Monday.

2. LSU (17-1) did not play. Next: at No. 17
Vanderbilt, Sunday.

3. Ohio State (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. "3. Ohio State (18:2) did not play, Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday, 4. Baylor (13-3) lost to No. 15 Texas 69-55. Next: vs. Texas & M.M. Wednesderd, cal 94-58. % Stanford (17-2) beat Southern Call 94-58. % Stanford (17-2) beat Southern Call 94-58. % Rutgers (13-3) did not play, Next: at No. 11 Notre Dame, Sunday, 7. Tennessee (13-3) did not play, Next: Kentucky, Sunday, 8. Michigan State (16-2) did not play, Next: Kenthelick, Sandels,
Kenthelic 17. Vanderbilt (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 LSU, Sunday. 18. DePaul (13-3) did not play. Next: at 18. DePaul (13-3) did not play. Next: at Southern Mississippi, Sunday. 19. Iowa State (15-1) beat Nebraska 74-54. Next: at Kansas State, Tuesday. 20. Kansas State (14-3) beat No. 10 Texas Tech 55-53. Next: vs. No. 19 Iowa State, Tues-day.

21. Georgia (14-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Sunday. 22. Iowa (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Purdue, Sunday. 23. Virginia Tech (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Monday. s. Florida State, Monday. 24. Purdue (10-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Iowa, Sunday. 25. UCLA (12-6) beat California 85-70. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.

Saturday's women's scores

Fairfield 78, Rider 58
Fitchburg St. 64, Westfield St. 47
Franklin Pierce 69, LeMoyne 58
Glenville St. 87, W. Virginia St. 52
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Hamilton 69, Skidmore 45
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Golf

Buick Invitational

Saturday
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At Torrey Pines - North 6,874 yards
San Diego
Purse: \$4.8 million
Par: 72
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MasterCard Championship

Skip Kendall Scott Simpson Michael Allen Charlie Wi Michael Long Will MacKenzie

Saturday At Hualalai Golf Club Kaupulehu-Kona Hawaii Purse: \$1.6 million

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	Wayne Levi	66-65-131 -						
	Gil Morgan	68-64-132 -						
	Dana Ouigley	67-65-132 -						
	Hale Irwin	69-65-134 -						
	Craig Stadler	67-67-134 -						
	John Jacobs	67-67-134 -						
	Mark McNulty	69-66-135						
	Bob Gilder	68-67-135						
	Tom Purtzer	68-67-135						
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	Don Pooley	69-67-136						
	Tom Jenkins	69-67-136						
	Fuzzy Zoeller	68-68-136						
	Tom Kite	70-67-137						
	Rodger Davis	68-69-137						
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Lee Trevino
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Bruce Lietzke
Jay Sigel
Pete Oakley
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	(44.86-47.30). 6. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:32.4 (45.33-47.09).	2								
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2. Benjamin Raight, Austria, 802.

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4. Hermann Malet, Austria, 802.

6. Lisses Pulls, Norvey, 62.

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Women's World Cup slalom

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(45.96-46.77)
4. Sarah Schleper, United States, 1:33.13
6. Kristina Koznick, United States, 1:33.15
(46.31-46.84)
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Saturday's transactions

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Announced the resigation of Lenny Wilkens, coach. Named
lerb Williams coach for the rest of the sea-

son.

UTAH JAZZ—Placed G Kirk Snyder on the injured list. Activated F Andrei Kirilenko from the injured list.

COLLEGE
CARROLL, MONT.—Named Maureen Boyle

omen's volleyball coach.

MONTANA—Announced F Kamarr Davis as regained academic eligibility.

NEW MEXICO STATE—Announced the rerement of Lou Henson, men's basketball

coach. SYRACUSE—Named Scott Spencer second-ary coach and Bob Wylle offensive line



Tiger Woods shot even-par 72 in the fog-delayed third round of the Buick Invitational on Sunday in San Diego, and trailed leaders Tom Lehman and Luke Donald by two strokes heading into the final round.

Lehman, Donald tied in Buick Invitational

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Tom Lehman bogeyed the par-4 12th hole on Sunday and finished the fog-delayed third round in 1-over-par 73, falling into a tie for the lead with Luke Donald in the Buick In-

vitational. Lehman and Donald were at 14 under heading into the final

round of the tournament. Charles Howell III and Peter Lonard were a stroke back at 13

under Tiger Woods, who shot 72 in the third round, and Bernhard

Langer were at 12 under Woods birdied his first two

holes, one of them by holing out from the bunker on No. 11, and was tied with Lehman at 14 under Saturday when darkness cut short the third round.

Woods finished his second round early Saturday with a birdie to cap off a 63 on the easier North course, then waited some six hours before the fog lifted enough to see fairways and greens, but not the Pacific Ocean. Lehman struggled from the

onset, missing a 6-foot birdie on the first hole, then having to make a pair of 8-footers on the next two holes, one of them for par, the other for bogey.

Woods found the fairway on

No. 14 when the horn sounded to suspend play, and elected to finish the hole. Lehman didn't bother to tee off, and returned to the tee Sunday morning.

Lonard, who completed his 65 early Saturday to join Woods at 12 under, decided to play the 14th and made a mess of it, taking double to slip back to 11 under

Watson shoots 64 again. up three in senior event

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii Tom Watson extended his lead to three strokes with a second straight 64 in the season-opening event on the Champions Tour.

Watson was bogey-free and one shot off the course record for the second day in a row.

Wayne Levi is second heading

Golf roundup

into Sunday's final round at Hua-lalai Golf Club, which was vulnerable to low scoring on a cloudy and windless day.
Watson completed 36 holes in

16-under-par 128. That is the best starting 36-hole score in tournament history and ties the best consecutive 36-hole score. Levi. who registered six birdies in a seven-hole stretch starting at the ninth, shot a 65 to come in at 131.

Gil Morgan equaled Watson with a 64 and was tied for third at 12 under par with Dana Quigley. who shot a 65. Next at 10 under were Hale Irwin, who had a 65, Craig Stadler (67) and John Ja-cobs (67).

Clark wins South African Open

DURBAN, South Africa — Tim Clark of South Africa won the South African Open on Sunday, closing with a 6-under-par 66.

Clark entered the day in a four-way tie for the lead but finished in front at 15-under 272. Gregory Havret of France (69) and Charl Schwartzel of South Africa (68) were at 279.

Clark's final round was matched only by England's Nick Dougherty, whose 66 put him at 280 with countryman Graeme Storm, South Africa's James Kingston and Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke. Clarke shot a 67 and was hurt

by a bogey on the 11th hole — at 480 yards the longest par 4 on the course. This was Clarke's first tournament since winning the Taiheiyo Masters on Nov. 14 in Japan. The European Ryder Cup star's wife is being treated for cancer

South Africa's Titch Moore, who led through the first two rounds, shot a 74, his worst score of the tournament. He had bogeys on Nos. 5 and 16 and a double bogev on No. 11.

Clark and Clarke made substantial donations to tsunami relief ef-

Williams lifts Wake past Cincinnati

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Eric Williams knew it would come down to him Wake Forest's versatile center was two inches taller than anyone on Cincinnati's front line. With that advantage in mind, the Demon Deacons planned to spread out, get him the hall and

It only took a couple of shots for Williams to stop fretting.

let him score.

The 6-foot-9 center scored a career-high 29 points, having his way with Cincinnati's front line, and No. 3 Wake Forest never trailed in a 74-70 victory Saturday over the 20th-ranked Bearcats.

"I felt nervous." Williams said. "I knew the kind of players we were playing against today. They play so hard. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself. I was telling myself I can't let the team down coming off a loss."

The Demon Deacons (16-2) rebounded from their overtime loss to Florida State by hitting their free throws down the stretch something they didn't do against the Seminoles

Taron Downey missed a free throw with 4 seconds left against est's NCAA record at 50 consecutive free throws made and sending it to overtime. He swished two free throws with 2 seconds left on Saturday to clinch the win and Wake Forest made its last seven overall.

"We needed a game like this." coach Skip Prosser said.

The Bearcats (15-3) had their biggest weaknesses exposed as they lost at home to a ranked team for the second time in eight

They also fell by three points against Louisville last Saturday. Neither 6-foot-7 Jason Maxiell

nor 6-foot-6 Eric Hicks — the power forwards who anchor Cincinnati's front line — could keep up with a taller player who shot over them once he got the ball. "It was a gamble," Hicks said.

"By the time I got around him, he had it and would dunk.

Chris Paul added 21 points for Wake Forest, which improved to 5-1 against ranked teams this sea-son. Paul was 5-for-7 from behind the arc

Hicks had 18 points, only two of them in the second half, to lead three Cincinnati players in double figures.

An intriguing matchup of one of the nation's top offenses against one of the toughest defenses turned on the Bearcats' inability to stop Williams. Wake Forest came in averaging 85.5 points per game and had scored 80 points in nine straight, its longest such streak since 10 in a row in 1976-7

Cincinnati went after Demon Deacons with a physical man-to-man defense that holds onnonents to 35.8 nercent shooting, fourth-best in the nation. It swarmed Williams but couldn't keep him from getting the ball or going 13-for-18 from the field.

"Eric was given the opportunity, and he played extremely well. Prosser said. "It's difficult to guard him with one guy when he gets the ball with both feet in [the lanel. During timeouts, the kids were saying, 'We've got to get it in there.' I said, 'Well, you're the guys who are out there

Williams got the ball on four of the Demon Deacons' first five possessions. Cincinnati went to a halfcourt tran that was totally ineffec-Williams had a pair of dunks and Paul made an uncontested three-pointer that pushed it to 19-7

"It seemed like he didn't miss."

Cincinnati forward James White said of Williams. "We've got to do a better job of helping Eric and Max so he doesn't touch the ball."

Hicks had a three-point play and his second career three-pointer, cutting it to 26-25. Wake Forest staved in front by going to Williams, who had 16 points in the first half, and Paul, who was 4-for-4 from behind the arc

It was the same thing in the second half Williams scored Wake Forest's first two baskets, setting the tone. Jamaal Levy's putback with 12:37 left put the Demon Deacons up 58-47.

Cincinnati got a pullup jumper from Armein Kirkland and a fastbreak layup by Chadd Moore that cut it to 64-61 with 5 minutes left. White's two free throws cut it to 70-68 with 47 seconds left and Paul missed a driving jumper, giving Cincinnati one last chance. Following a timeout with 21 sec-

onds to go, Maxiell missed a turnaround baseline jumper. Levy got the rebound and made both free throws with 10.2 seconds left Downey's two free throws then clinched it

An hour before the tip-off, Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins sat down next to Prosser and shared



Wake Forest guard Chris Paul (3) drives past Cincinnati defender Armein Kirkland on Saturday.

a few laughs. Huggins and Prosser developed a friendship while Prosser coached Xavier from 1994-01, taking the edge off a crosstown rivalry that had turned

Prosser got the better of Huggins in their annual crosstown games, winning four of seven. Overall. Prosser is 6-4 in their head-to-head games.

Hokies earn first win over ranked team in 23 years

ATLANTA - Virginia Tech needed a little luck to win its first road game over a ranked opponent in 23 years.

It came in the final seconds. Georgia Tech's Isma'il Muhammad missed two free throws with 5.5 seconds left and the No. 12 Yellow Jackets missed two putback attempts as Virginia Tech survived a frantic final seconds for a

70-69 upset Saturday. "We got lucky at the end of the game," Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg said. "Let's face it, any of those shots could have gone in

Instead, the Yellow Jackets (11-5, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) lost their third straight while the Hokies (10-6, 3-2) celebrated a milestone win.

In addition to winning their first road conference game in their first season in the ACC, the Hokies took their first victory at a ranked team's home floor since Jan. 23, 1982, when they won at No. 17 Louisville. Also, Virginia Tech beat a team ranked as high as No. 12 for the first time since defeating No. 2 Memphis on Feb 1.1986

"This is great confidence-booster, playing the No. 12 team in the nation on their own court and beating them," said Virginia Tech's Carlos Dixon, who scored 21 points, including the decisive basket with 36 seconds left "This shows us we can compete

in the ACC. It shows everybody in the nation we're no pushovers." Following Muhammad's sec-

ond missed free throw, Ra'Sean Dickey and Mario West each missed putbacks for Georgia Tech after offensive rebounds. Zabian Dowdell added 18 points for the Hokies.



Will Bynum matched his career high with 28 points for Georgia Tech (11-5, 2-3), which lost for the first time at home this season, Jarrett Jack added 15 points and Muhammad had 14.

Georgia Tech senior guard B.J. Elder, the team's second-leading scorer, missed his fifth straight game with a hamstring injury.

Elder practiced during the week but was not in uniform for the game "Let's face it, if Elder plays it's

probably a different game," Greenberg said. "I can't imagine facing Elder, Jack and Bynum. Bynum was ridiculous.'

Villanova 83. No. 2 Kansa 62: At Philadelphia, undefeated Kansas never stood a chance once Allen Ray Curtis Sumpter and the rest of the spirited Wildcats got rolling.

Sumpter sank five three-pointers and scored 25 points, Ray made four threes and scored 2 and Villanova (10-4) led by as many as 32 points in a stunning victory over the Jayhawks.

The Wildcats went on a 15-2 run to open the second half, gave up three points, then reeled off 16 straight points. Wayne Simien led Kansas

(14-1) with 15 points and J.R. Giddens and Sasha Kaun each had

No. 4 Duke 88, Florida State 56: J.J. Redick scored a sea-son-high 31 points and visiting Duke stayed unbeaten.

The Blue Devils (15-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) were never in trouble, jumping to an 18-8 lead and steadily building it to as many as 33 late in the game. No. 5 Oklahoma St. 82. Baylor

53: At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Graham scored 24 points to help Oklahoma State rebound from its loss to Texas.

Freshman JamesOn Curry added 14 points, including 10 in the final 2:16, as the Cowbovs (14-2, 4-1 Big 12 Conference) won the first game at the newly named Eddie Sutton Court

No. 6 North Carolina 87 Miami 67: Sean May had 17 points, Jawad Williams and Jack ie Manuel each added 14 and North Carolina made the most of a rare home game. Raymond Felton and Rashad

McCants had 10 points apiece for the No. 6 Tar Heels (16-2, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who are in the middle of a stretch during which they play six of eight games on the road.

No. 7 Syracuse 72, West Virginia 64: Hakim Warrick had 22 points and 13 rebounds, Gerry McNamara scored 18 points and Billy Edelin added a season-high 12 to lead host Syracuse.

It was the 12th straight win for Syracuse (19-1, 6-0 Big East), which equaled the best start in school history.

No. 8 Kentucky 89, LSU 58: At Lexington, Ky., Patrick Sparks went 5-for-7 from three-point range and scored 15 points to lead the Wildcats.

Kelenna Azubuike added 16 points for Kentucky (14-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) which made a season-high 11 three-pointers in 20 attempts to win for the 14th time in its last 15 meetings with LSU (9-6, 2-2).

No. 11 Gonzaga 68, San Diego 56: At San Diego, center

J.P. Batista scored a career-high 22 points and Gonzaga opened the second half with a 16-0 run The Bulldogs (14-4, 4-2 West

Coast Conference) got some help from the Toreros (10-8, 2-3), who shot just 10 percent in the second half and 30.6 percent overall.

No. 13 Arizona 92, Oregon tate 83: Salim Stoudamire scored 25 points to help visiting Arizona overcome a 15-point first-half deficit.

Channing Frye had 20 points and seven rebounds for the Wildcats (16-3, 6-1), who outrebounded the Beavers 36-22 No. 14 Louisville 85, Tennes

see 62: Francisco Garcia scored 20 points to lead host Louisville. Garcia had seven points during a crucial 24-2 second-half run and added had nine rebounds and four assists for the Cardinals

(16-3), who have won 10 of 11 No. 17 Mississippi State 73, outh Carolina 65: At Starkville, Miss., Lawrence Roberts had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead five Mississippi State scorers in double figures

Marcus Campbell, Jamall Edondson and Shane Power each had 11 points for Mississippi State (16-4, 4-2 Southeastern Con-

No. 18 Oklahoma 64, No. 15 Texas 60: Kevin Bookout had 18 points and 13 rebounds, Lawrence McKenzie scored 15 and host Oklahoma (15-2, 4-0 Big 12) won its ninth straight.

The Sooners outmuscled the Longhorns, who were in their first game without leading scorer and rebounder P.J. Tucker, ruled academically ineligible earlier in the week.

No. 19 Michigan State 69, Minnesota 55: At Minneapolis.

Alan Anderson scored 13 points —11 from the foul line — as Michigan State made 26 of 28 foul shots to hold off Minnesota.

Maurice Ager and Shannon Brown each added 12 points for the Spartans (12-3, 4-1 Big Ten). No. 22 Alabama 66. Mississippi 58: Kennedy Winston scored 26 points and Jermareo Davidson

had a game-high 13 rebounds for the visiting Crimson Tide. Alabama (15-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) snapped a seven-game road losing streak at Mississippi (11-8, 2-4), ning 59-46 in the 1996-97 season.

No. 23 Iowa 71. Purdue 57: At Iowa city, Iowa, Greg Brunner and Doug Thomas each scored 14 points to help Iowa bounce back from a loss to top-ranked Illinois After a sluggish start, the Hawkeyes (14-4, 2-3 Big Ten)

built an 18-point halftime lead and were never threatened in the second half, easily rebounding from Thursday's overtime loss against the Illini. No. 24 Wisconsin 72, Michi-

gan 61: Mike Wilkinson had 28 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help the host Badgers win for the eighth time in nine

The Badgers (13-3, 4-1 Big Ten) led by just five at halftime, but opened the second half with an 11-2 run.

Charlotte 76, No. 25 Marquette 66: At Milwaukee, Eddie Basden scored 23 points and Brendan Plavich added 20 for Char-

Curtis Withers had 17 points

and 14 rebounds for the 49ers (13-3, 4-1 Conference USA), who rebounded from a loss to Cincinnati on Wednesday that snapped the team's nine-game winning

Pitt's defense too much for No. 16 UConn

Troutman helps lead No. 21 Panthers past their Big East rival

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO
The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Chevon Troutman and Pittsburgh's rugged defense were more than Connecticut could handle.

In a matchup of Big East heavyweights, the No. 21 Panthers rallied from 17 points down to upset the 16th-ranked Huskies 76-66 before a raucous UConn crowd.

Troutman scored 25 of his career-high 29 points in the second half and the Panther defense did the rest, holding UConn to 27 percent shooting in the final 20 minutes.

"We always dig oursevles a hole and we always come back," Troutman said. "We haven't been getting the big plays down the stretch and we've been taking plays off down the stretch. Tonight is a night when we didn't take a play off down the stretch."

Pitt and UConn had split six meetings over the last three seasons and played each other in the conference tournament final the past three seasons. It was the first win for the Panthers on UConn's homecourt in

The snowstorm that pounded the Northeast did little to deter UConn fans. Season-ticket holders who did not make the game donated about 3,000 tickets to students who helped fill the 10,000-seat Gampel Pavilion. And the crowd let the



Pittsburgh's Antonio Graves, left, takes the ball past Connecticut's Rashad Anderson, right, during the first half in Storrs, Conn., on Saturday.

Panthers hear it from the opening tip.

But in the closing seconds they began quietly filing out in droves. Pitt guard Carl Krauser skipped over to the sidelines, grabbed his jersey and let the departing crowd know "We're not going to lose. We're thesat of the East."

Troutman was a beast in the second half.

The 6-foot-7 power forward scored 10 straight points midway through the second half and gave the Panthers (13-3, 3-2 Big East) their first lead at 55-54 with 8:14 left—and Pitt never gave it back.

"The guys did an unbelievable job getting it done," Pittsburgh coach Jamie The Huskies (11-4, 3-2) had a nine-point lead at the half but watched it dissolve because of poor shooting and the Panthers' tough nost defense.

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UConn went nearly nine minutes in the second half without a field goal, while Troutman went on his 10-0 run, built largely on inside baskets.

"We've lost four games this year and far and away this was the most disappointing," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "We completely got taken out of our offense."

It was a matchup of two of the best rebounding teams in the nation. UConn led the nation in rebounding margin (15.6) and the Panthers (10.6) were fifth coming into the game. The Huskies lived up to their billing in the first half, dominating inside even without star center Josh Boone, who was in early foul trouble.

Connecticut used runs of 9-0 and 8-0 in the first half to build a 17-point lead late in the period. They played solid both inside and out, riding the perimeter play of Rashad Anderson, who was 4-for-6 from three-point range in the half. The Huskies led 43-32 at the half.

But the second half was all Pittsburgh. The Panthers outcored UConn 26-22 in the paint and came up with key blocks down the stretch. Troutman led Pittsburgh with 12 boards and had two of the Panthers' five blocks. Carl Krauser added 15 and Chris Taft had 10 for Pittsburgh.

Anderson led UConn with 19 points and Villanueva had 14 points and 10 boards.

"Troutman played a magnificent game," Calhoun said. "They did what we could not do. They executed their offense, took their time, took the shots they wanted."

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Boston College hangs on to stay unbeaten

BY JIM O'CONNELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston College coach Al Skinner isn't getting caught up in his Eagles being one of three remaining unbeaten teams in Division I.

"We're just trying to have success in our league. That's what counts with us," Skinner said after No. 9 Boston College beat John's '9-73 on Saturday night. "The 11-0 non-league mark is aiready in the books and for that to pay dividends we have to continue what we're doing."

Jared Dudley scored 19 points to lead Boston College's balanced offense to a win that extended the best start in school history in school history least threat in school history least threat in school history least threat winning streak set by the 1968-69 team. It was the ninth strain stream in the start in the strain stream in the start in t

Top-ranked Illinois and No. 4 Duke are the other unbeatens as No. 2 Kansas lost earlier Saturday to Villanova.

Six of the seven players for Boston College scored at least nine points. Jermaine Watson, one of the best sixth men in college basketball, had 16 points, six above his average.

Watson went 7-for-8 from the field, grabbed four rebounds and three of the Eagles' 12 steals.

"It was his kind of game, a little 1-on-1, a lot of up and down," Skinner said. "He took it as a challenge. Those are the kind of challenges he likes and he was obviously very effective."

Darryl Hill, the Big East's leading scorer with a 20.9 average, had 21 points for the Red Storm (7-8, 1-4), who fell to 2-2 against ranked teams this season. They were coming off a 65-62 victory over No. 21 Pittsburgh and also beat then-No. 17 North Carolina State.

Hill didn't start for the first time this season. First-year coach Norm Roberts sat him for the opening 3:34 for being 3 minutes late to a team meeting.

"I deserved it. I was late," the to sophomore guard said. "I have to set a better example as a captain." With the crowd at Carnesecca Arena held to 2,314 because of the snowstorm blanketing the Northeast, St. John's jumped to an 11-2 lead. Boston College took the lead for good at 28-26 on a three-pointer by 7-footer Nate Doornekamp with 4:43 left in the first half.

The Red Storm used some solid shooting to stay close but the Eagles used an 8-2 run to take a 53-46 lead with 12:57 to go.

Watson's layup with 8:03 left gave Boston College its first double-digit lead, 60-50, and the biggest it got was 67-54 on two free throws by Sean Williams with 6:15 to go

The Red Storm shot 54 percent in the first half but struggled to shoot 44 percent in the second against the Eagles' matchup zone.

"We got good shots, we didn't make them," Roberts said. "We



Boston College forward Jared Dudley is fouled by St. John's Lamont Hamilton during the second half Saturday. Boston College won 79-73.

struggled, obviously. We're not a good outside shooting team."

Louis Hinnant added 12 points for Boston College, while Craig Smith and Sean Marshall each had 10 and Doornekamp had nine.

Freshman guard Eugene Lawrence had a career-high 18 points for the Red Storm and Lamont Hamilton had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"They rebounded well and beat

us to loose balls, especially early," Skinner said of the Red Storm, who are coming off a 6-21 season, the worst in school history. "We were able to get some turnovers that led to easy baskets."

Boston College was the first Top 10 team to play in Carnesecca Arena, which used to be called Alumni Hall, since No. 7 Louisville beat No. 9 St. John's there 76-71 on Feb. 3. 1980.

Law seems to side with Sox in dispute over Series ball

BY JIMMY GOLEN

BOSTON — Doug Mientkiewicz, call a lawyer. You're going to need one if you want to keep the baseball you caught for the final out of the World Series.

The Red Sox first baseman is storing the ball that clinched Boston's first title since 1918 in a safe-deposit box near his Florida home. But the Red Sox want it back so they can show it off, and legal scholars say the team has a good case if it wants to fight Mientkiewicz in court.

"What appears to be emerging as a legal consensus is that the person with the least rights to it is Mientkiewicz himself," said Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongju Koh, who ranked the claims as: "the Cardinals, the Red Sox, Major League Baseball and then the guy who happened to hold it at the end of the game."

the game.

Baseball clubs don't routinely distribute game balls like football teams do, and the final out is most likely to wind up tossed to a fan unless one of the players reached a milestone that day. No one's spent much time discussing who actually owns the ball because, until now, it hasn't really mattered.

As the rise of the memorabilia market makes such items increasingly valuable, though, baseball is being forced to confront the issue of who owns the otherwise interchangeable pieces — the bases, the balls, the uniforms — that make the game go. On the same day the Red Sox clinched the Series, the ball Barry Bonds hit for his 700th career homer sold for \$804.129.

What this has done is force the baseball teams and MLB to make some decisions about who gets the noncontractual value of a valuable trophy," said Paul Finkelman, a law professor at the University of Tulsa. "Does [Mientkiewicz] get a \$500,000 bonus because he's the last guy to hold it?"

Mientkiewicz happened upon his keepsake when St. Louis shortstop Edgar Renteria knocked it back to Red Sox pitcher Keith Foulke with two outs in the ninth inning of the fourth game of the World Series. Foulke made an underhand toss to first base, and Roston's 86 knows till advent the second.

Boston's 86-year title drought was over. Mientkiewicz also made the final putout of the AL championship series victory over the New York Yankees and gave that ball to pitcher Derek Lowe. Barthe first baseman kept this one, and it was among the many items authenticated by Major League Baseball in the chaotic clubbouse afterward.

Mientkiewicz initially called the ball his "retirement fund," though he later backed off those comments and said he wants it for sentimental value. The problem is, so does the team that waited nine decades to even have a chance to talk about the last out of a World Series victory.

"It's not Doug's ball. It belongs to all of us," said Roger Abrams, a Northeastern University law professor who has written several baseball books. "He is the trustee of the ball but it is owned by all of Red Sox Nation, and it should find a place of special importance, either at Fenway or Cooperstown."

Finkelman, who was an expert witness in the court fight over Bonds' 73rd home run ball, said the fact that Mientkiewicz was a midseason addition and a late-ining replacement makes his claim to the ball tenuous. If he had made a leaping catch to secure the victory, been a major contributor during excure the victory, been a major contributor during chies's lean years, fans and courts might be more sympathetic.

"The notion that Mientkiewicz did anything is absurd. He didn't do anything," Finkelman said. "He caught an underhanded toss from a pitcher. This is what he's paid to do. He didn't win the World Series. It's simply coincidence that it ended at first base." Of course, there was this little incident back in

1986.
"I understand that there's some irony in that," Finkelman said when reminded of the routine grounder that went through Bill Buckner's legs. "Because not every first baseman in Boston does his ich."

By comparison, Curt Schilling could make a legitimate claim to the sock he wore when he pitched in the Series: Although the sock was the team's, the blood was his.



Red Sox first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz kept the ball from the final out of the 2004 World Series against the Cardinals. The Red Sox want it back.

"It's his blood that makes it valuable," Abrams said. "Mientkiewicz doesn't add any value that made it unique to him."

Soon after Bonds 73rd homer cleared the fence at Pac Bell Park, it landed in the middle of a skirmish in the stands that spilled into the courts. In Popov v. Hayashi, California Superior Court Judge Kevin McCarthy considered the claim that Major League Baseball still owned the ball after the homer and "later gifted it to Mr. Hayashi."

"There is no evidence to support it," the judge wrote.

Instead, the ball belonged to Major League Baseball until it was hit, and as it flew out of the ballpark it became "intentionally abandoned property."

"The first person who came in possession of the ball became its new owner," McCarthy decided. Then they fought over what constituted possession, with McCarthy ruling the ball should be sold at auctions on the proceeds could be split between them.

But that ball left the playing field; Mientkiewicz's was still part of the game when he gloved it. And he wasn't a fan who bought a ticket in the outfield arcade; he was a Red Sox employee in his workplace doing his job.

"Clearly teams have agreed that when the ball is hit out of the park, it's abandoned. But they have never said that when it's in the park it's abandoned," Finkelman said.

That makes Mientkiewicz like a research scientist who makes a lucrative discovery at work: He's sure to get an attaboy from the boss, but the royalties and patents probably belong to the company.

"We know if he found the ball in the woods, it's his. But he didn't find the ball in the woods," Abrams said. "Does that mean any first baseman that catches any ball that arrives at first base owns the ball? Of course not."

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said the team is negotiating for the ball through Mientkiewicz's agent. The logical and expected solution is for Mientkiewicz to own the ball and lend it to the Red Sox so they can display it.

Lucchino also said the team is working on a policy to avoid another fight over, say, the ball that clinches the first Red Sox World Series repeat since 1916. Finkelman thinks Major League Baseball needs to clarify the rules for the whole industry.

"MLB should decide that the winning team should be able to dispose of the game ball," he said. "And, in general, when a player reaches a milestone, it's simply good sportsmanship" to give it to him.



Carlos Beltran, sitting at Shea Stadium, was impressed when Mets GM Omar Minaya visited him in Puerto Rico on a recruiting visit earlier this month.

Los Mets: Minaya's recruiting lands blue-chip free agents

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said last week from the Domini-

Martinez's decision to sign a \$53 million, four-year contract with New York helped persuade Beltran to reach agreement on a \$119 million, seven-year deal.

After having dinner at the White House on Jan. 10, Minaya announced Beltran's deal at Shea Stadium the following day. Then he held a news conference on Jan. 12 with Beltran at the Mets' spring training camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and another the next day in Puerto Rico.

"He's always looking for the well-being of Latinos and now he's with Tony Bernazard, who comes from the Players' Association," Beltran said. "I'm going to be very well taken care of."

"I've known Omar since I was 18. They came to Puerto Rico to meet with me, which other teams did not do," he said. "That showed me they really wanted me."

Minaya publicly thanked Beltran's wife, Jessica, after the negotiations, clearly understanding her importance in the process.

While Minaya plays down the language and cultural bond he shares with Martinez and Beltran, his strategy to pump up a team that hasn't been to the playoffs since 2000 seems to be working. Delgado said the Latin influ

Delgado said the Latin influence in the Mets and Minaya's approach makes the team "a little more attractive."

"It's really the person, but the language helps," Minaya said. Martinez is doing his part in the recruiting effort.

"I explained to Carlos Delgado the plans the Mets have to become a championship team," Martinez said Wednesday. "I've also talked to Sammy Sosa, and he told me that it would be an honor to play with me in New York."

to play with me in New York."

Sosa could be available in a trade at the right price.

New York has a large Hispanic population, one that could help the new regional sports network the Mets intend to start in 2006. Stars attract fans, as the Yan-

kees have shown.
"Diversity is good business,"
Minava said

A 14th-round selection of the Oakland Athletics in 1978, Minaya had a short playing career that included a brief stint in Italy. He then worked his way up from area scout to scouting director with the Rangers and in 1998 became the Mets' assistant gener-

al manager.

He was turned down half a dozen times for GM jobs before his breakthrough in 2002, when baseball Commissioner Bud Selighired him to become GM of the Expos. Montreal, which had been purchased by the other 29 teams, had only a handful of employees

left when Minaya took over. His deals helped keep the Expos in contention into the second half of the season in 2002 and 2003, but by 2004, the second season in which baseball moved some of the Expos' home games to San Juan, there was little to San Juan, there was little faded on the field—and into history, too. The Expos became the Washington Nationals last month. Minaya takes in stride the atten-

tion that comes from a high-profile job.
"It's a passing thing. I've been

"It's a passing thing. I've been around long enough to know that what's hot today is forgotten tomorrow," he said.



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Agassi trumps Johannson's record 51 aces

He'll face Federer next; Sharapova, Kuznetsova also to meet in quarters

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia Andre Agassi overcame a record number of aces from Joachim Johannson on Sunday and set up an Australian Open quarterfinal against defending champion and

top-ranked Roger Federer.
Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam winner and four-time champion in Melbourne, produced one of his great performances to defeat the 6-foot-6 Johansson, who slammed 51 aces in their fourth-round match.

One of the best service return ers in tennis, the 34-year-old Agassi endured Johansson's barrage, breaking the Swede three times to win 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6

Agassi dropped his own serve twice, at the start of the first and fourth sets, and made only 13 unforced errors in the match none in the first set

"It was a tough day," said Agas-

11th-seeded Johansson was pushing the limits on almost every shot. He mixed 66 unforced errors with a remarkable 96 winners, including his aces and service winners

The 22-year-old Johansson surpassed Richard Krajicek's mark of 49 aces in a quarterfinal loss to Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the 1999 U.S. Open.

His final three aces came in his last service game.

"Joachim today was hitting the ball so big. Agassi said. "What can you do but sort of react?

"I was anxious the whole time," he added. "I had to stay focused and disciplined, give myself a look and hope I can convert

on the few chances I do get.' Johansson didn't know of the record until after the match. He said he might be able to improve

on it in future. Federer, whose 11 titles in 2004 included three majors, extended his winning streak to 25 matches with a 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (4) defeat of

Marat Safin, who lost to Federer in last year's final here, converted just one of his 18 breakpoint chances in a fiery 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2) win over Olivi-

Marcos Baghdatis.





Andre Agassi makes a backhand return to Joachim Johansson during his fourth-round match in the Australian Open. Despite Johannson's 51 aces, Agassi advanced to the quarterfinals against No. 1 Roger Federer.

er Rochus that lasted 3 hours, 42 minutes

Safin was given a code violation for spiking his racket into the court, twice for good measure, after wasting three opportunities to get back on serve in the fifth game of the

third set. After receiving the code violation from umpire Andreas Egli, he

helted the broken racket three times on a drink cooler at the side of the court.

"I had so many chances to break him and I couldn't and I was a little bit upset at that," said Safin, adding that he crunched the racket to let off some steam. was very important.

In the end, he closed with two aces, taking his total to 29 for the match. He next faces Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty, who beat the other Swedish Johannson in the draw - 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson — 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

Federer has won 48 of his past 50 matches, and hasn't lost since the second round in the Athens Olympics last August.

Baghdatis broke Federer's serve once and stunned the 23-year-old Swiss star with some brilliant crosscourt forehands in





Maria Sharapova yells as she celebrates her fourth-round victory over Silvia Farina Flia in the Australian Onen in the three sets.

the third set. Federer, who beat Baghdatis in ne last U.S. Open in the

the last U.S. Open in the 19-year-old Cypriot's only other earance in a major, fell be hind 3.0 in the tiebreaker before reeling off five straight points.

"I enjoyed the battle for sure," said Federer. "After I've won, it's always good to battle it out and

Two of Russia's three Grand Slam title holders are into the quarterfinals.

U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova pounded 29 winners to overcome one Russian - 6-4 6-2 over Vera Douchevina - and faces another in the quarterfinals.

Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, seeded fourth, will face Kuznetsova next after coming back from a set and a break down to beat Italy's Silvia Farina

Elia 4-6, 6-1, 6-2,

The 17-year-old Sharapova ran off seven consecutive games and broke Farina Elia's last seven ser-

"I'm excited. I know it's going to be another tough match. Sharapova said of Kuznetsova. "I'm prepared. I'm just going to go out like I've been going out and

playing my game, having fun, en-joying it and fighting to win." Three of the seven Russian vomen who made the fourth

round already are out. Seventh-seeded Serena Willwho won here in 2003 but didn't return last year because of an injured knee, was clearly

angry with herself as she dropped a set for the first time this tournament before recovering to beat No. 11 Nadia Petrova 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Second-ranked Amelie Maures-

Tennis scoreboard

Australian Open

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7-6 (5).

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mo of France had a 6-2 6-4 win over Evgenia Linetskava in a mistake-prone match with 11 service

Mauresmo raced to a 4-0 lead but needed a medical time out after dropping her serve for the first time and returned to court

with her left thigh wrapped. She had trouble on serve after that, dropping it once again in the

first set and twice in the second. Juan Ignacio Chela was fined \$2,000 by tournament referee Peter Bellenger for unsportsmanlike conduct in his third-round loss to against No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt on Saturday night.

Chela became angry when he thought Hewitt celebrated too much on an unforced error that had given the Australian triple break point.

He drove his next serve at Hewitt, allowing the Australian to convert the break, and then appeared to spit toward Hewitt when the players were switching

Bulls get to .500 with second win in Detroit in past month

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - The Detroit Pistons aren't upset at losing two home games to the Chicago Bulls in a month. They just don't like that the Bulls did it by beating them at their own game.

Kirk Hinrich had 24 points and nine assists to lead Chicago to a 100-89 victory over the Pistons on Saturday night.

'We're about rock bottom right now," Pistons coach Larry Brown said. "We didn't match their energy and we didn't match their execution. That blows my mind, because that's how we won a championship last year."

It was Chicago's second victory at the Palace since Dec. 22 after not having won there in three years. Chicago hadn't won twice in Detroit in one season since

"It feels good to come in here and beat a great team like Detroit," Hinrich said. "I think it shows that we are becoming mentally tougher and showing some maturity

Eddy Curry added 15 for the Bulls before fouling out and Antonio Davis had 14.

"Detroit's one of the best teams in the league," Curry said. "This shows that we can play with teams like that."

The victory moves Chicago to .500 (19-19) for the first time this late in a season since 1998, but Bulls coach Scott Skiles wasn't celebrating.

"To do things, you've got to get to .500, but it is what you do after you get there that is important," he said. "We aren't even halfway through the season. Let's see what we do from here."

Richard Hamilton led all scorers with 32, including 16 in the first quarter, but only scored seven in the second half. Hamilton was a game-time decision with a bruised right thigh

In other games Saturday

Wizards 95. Pacers 93: At Indianapolis, Antawn Jamison hit a driving layup with 0.4 seconds left to lift Washington



After Jermaine O'Neal gave Indiana a 93-91 lead with 39.7 seconds left, Gilbert Arenas hit a jumper and the Wizards forced a shot-clock violation to get the ball back with 4.5 seconds to play.

Jamison, who finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, took the ball at the top of the key, drove past two Indiana defenders and lofted a soft hook shot over O'Neal to give the Wizards their second straight victory and offset a huge night from O'Neal.

O'Neal scored 12 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter. Arenas led the Wizards with 33 points and six assists, helping Washington to its second win in

two nights without the injured Larry Hughes. Cavaliers 105. Warriors 87: At Oakland, Calif., LeBron James had his second triple-double in three games, getting 28 points, 12

rebounds and 10 assists in Cleveland's victory Three nights after he became the youngest player in NBA histo-ry with a triple-double, James duplicated the feat in an easy win

over the Warriors, who lost for the 11th time in 12 games. James wrapped up his latest statistical feat on a pass with 29 seconds left to Zydrunas Ilgaus kas, who hit a long three-pointer.

Eric Snow had 16 points and 12 assists in his first start of the season in place of Jeff McInnis, who sat out to rest his sprained left foot in the finale of Cleveland's six-game West Coast road trip.

Grizzlies 110, Jazz 94: At Salt Lake City, Pau Gasol scored 23 points and Shane Battier had 16

to help Memphis spoil Andrei Kirilenko's return to the Utah lineup. Kirilenko scored two points and had two blocks in just 12 min-

utes in his first game after missing 26 with a sprained knee. Utah had a 6-20 record without

14 points for the Grizzlies, who snapped a five-game losing streak in Salt Lake City. Mehmet Okur led the Jazz with 22 points in 25 minutes off the bench.

Timberwolves 92, Trail Blazers 83: At Portland, Ore., Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 16 rebounds to lead Minnesota to its second road win in as many days

Portland dropped its sixth straight game, the Blazers' longest losing streak since 1995-96.

Wally Szczerbiak, coming off a season-high 34 points against Seattle on Friday, had 18 for the Timberwolves

Damon Stoudamire led Portland with 23 points and Ruben Patterson, who remained in the starting lineup despite the return of Darius Miles, had 19.

Magic 115, 76ers 111: At Orlando, Fla., Hedo Turkoglu scored 22 points. Dwight Howard added 21 and short-handed Orlando rallied to beat Philadelphia.

The Magic, missing Grant Hill due to his bruised right wrist, trailed by six with 2:02 left to play after Allen Iverson's jumper.

Iverson finished with 38 points his most since sitting out a game two weeks ago with an ankle sprain. Samuel Dalembert tied his career high with 24 points and added a season-best 16 re-

Hawks 100. Celtics 96: At Atlanta, Al Harrington scored 21 points and went 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the last two minutes to help the Hawks overcome a 17-point deficit.

The Celtics have lost nine straight on the road. Antoine Walker led the Hawks

with 29 points against his former

Hornets 88, Clippers 85: At New Orleans, Dan Dickau capped a career-high 27-point outing with two three-pointers in the last 18 seconds and New Orleans handed Los Angeles its fifth straight loss

NBA scoreboard

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New Orleans	7	32	.179	241/2						
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Minnesota	21		.525	7						
Denver			.436	101/2						
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Utah		27	.341	141/2						
Pacific Division										
Phoenix			.756	-						
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DETROIT — Prince 1-8 3-6 5, R.Wallace 6-10 3-3 15, B.Wallace 2-5 0-0 4, Hamilton 10-18 11-12 32, Billups 4-11 4-6 13, McDyess 5-6 3-4 13, Hunter 0-5 0-0 0, Arroya 2-7 1-2 5, Dupree 1-2 0-0 2, Goldwire 0-1 0-0 0, Ham 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 31-73 25-33 89.

Wizards 95, Pacers 93 WASHINGTON — Jamison 7-18 4-5 19, Jef-fries 1-3 1-4 3, Haywood 5-7 5-8 15, Hayes 1-7 2-2 5, Arenas 12-26 6-10 33, Peeler 6-9 0-0 16, Ruffin 0-1 0-0, Thomas 1-4 2-2 4, Profit 0-0

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Timberwolves 92, Blazers 83

MINNESOTA — Sprewell 2-7 0-0 5, Garnett 6-16 2-2 14, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Hassell 3-7 0-0 6, Carter 2-4 0-0 4, Szczerbiak 8-12 1-2 18, Hud-son 3-9 6-6 12, Griffin 2-7 3-4 7, Holberg 5-8 4-6 15, Jo.Thomas 1-3 5-7 7. Totals 34-75 21-27

Cavaliers 105, Warriors 87

CLEVELAND — Gooden 8-12 2-2 18, James 3-24 2-2 28, Ilgauskas 7-12 3-4 18, Newble 1-14 0-0 10, Snow 7-15 0-0 16, Varejao 3-6 1-2, 7, Traylor 1-2 0-0 2, Harris 3-6 0-0 6, Pavlovio 2-0 0-0 0. Totals 47-93 8-10 105.

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Jackson still mad at Rockets over trade

HOUSTON - Former Houston Rockets guard Jim Jackson said Saturday he lost respect for the entire organization when he was traded to the New Orleans Hor-Jackson, who never reported to

the Hornets and was traded to the Phoenix Suns on Friday, told Houston television station KRIV he didn't believe the Rockets' reasons for trading him. "The reason they gave me for

the trade was that they needed a point guard and a ball handler," Jackson said.

"I handle the ball. David Wes ley is a very good player but has he played point guard yet? They went out and signed two point guards. So, to me, that means that



speculate on the reasons, but said he thought was more personal.

thing else."

Jackson

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"I just lost respect for the whole or-

ganization." The Rockets declined to com-

Jackson also said he was unset that he was told of the trade by the coach instead of by general manager Carroll Dawson. It is protocol in the Rockets organization for the coach to inform players of trades Jackson said he thought the

Rockets should have put him "in a better situation than in a no-win situation with the New Orleans Hornets. Jackson forfeited \$302,000 in

salary for refusing to report to the Hornets after the December trade. "It's not about the money for

me. If I take a sacrifice or a loss upfront, it's because my ultimate goal is trying to win and it paid off for me from that aspect and again, it was no disrespect to the New Orleans Hornets

The Suns sent three players to the Hornets for Jackson. The Suns are Jackson's 12th team in

Jackson has a career average of 15.2 points in 805 NBA games.

Raich gains ground as Miller fails in slalom

The Associated Press

KITZBUEHEL, Austria — Austria's Manfred Pranger won a slalom Sunday for his first World Cup victory, with countryman Mario Matt the runner-up. Overall leader Bode Miller lost his balance and failed to qualify for the

second leg.

Pranger won in 1 minute, 31.51 seconds in his first top-three finish since a runner-up result in a slalom a little more than a year ago. Matt, the 2001 world slalom champion, was 0.12 seconds be-

Croatia's Ivica Kostelic prevented an Austrian sweep by finishing third, 0.24 back. It was his second top-three finish after he was runner-up in a slalom in Wengen,

Switzerland.

Miller nearly swerved off course a few gates from the bottom on the opening leg. The American was forced to finish the gates from the reverse direction, leav-

ing him 2.11 off the pace.

It was the fifth slalom Miller has failed to finish this season.

The only one he completed was the night race he won in Sestriere. Italy, in mid-December.

"I was getting stuck a lot," Miller said. "The snow changes the whole way down. It's little parts of really grippy snow and little parts of icy snow."

"I haven't been skiing enough

slalom to feel super comfortable on that," he added. "But you see guys like [Benjamin] Raich and [Kalle] Palander who ski a ton slalom and they're still having problems there. The snow favors the people who don't make mistakes."

Miller's early exit allowed Raich to narrow the gap in the overall standings. The Austrian earned 32 points and is 166 behind Miller, who leads with 1,048. Miller has picked up 60 points in the last four races while Raich has accumulated 192.

Paerson wins at Maribor;

MARIBOR, Slovenia — Anja Paerson of Sweden won a slalom for the first time this season Sunday while rival Tanja Poutiainen of Finland was third to capture the overall slalom title.

Paerson recorded the 14th victory of her World Cup career, tearing down the slope on a sunny day to finish both runs in 1 minute 32.38 seconds, 0.28 ahead of Crotair's Janica Kostelic.

"This place is special for me,"
Paerson said. "It's been a frustrating year in slalom. It's good to come back in good shape for the upcoming world championships."

For the United States, Sarah Schleper was fourth to match a career best while Kristina Koznick

Sports briefs

was fifth and Lindsey Kildow

"I think the whole team is confident," said Kildow, who won a downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta, this season. "But the best thing is not to think about medals and concentrate on good skiing."

Poutiainen was third in 1:32.73, wrapping up the slalom title with 520 points entering the final race in Lenzerheide, Switzerland. Marlies Schild is second with 376, fol-

lowed by Koznick at 355.

Poutiainen has established herself as one of the favorites for the world championships, which start Jan. 30 in Italy in Santa Caterina. She built her lead in the overall standings and now has 902 points. Kostelic is at 879 and Paerson

jumped to third with 856. Kildow is sixth with 691.

Jags' Taylor has knee surgery

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jaguars running back Fred Taylor had surgery to repair a partially torn ligament in his left knee.

His availability for the team's offseason program is in question, but Jacksonville expects its top offensive player to make a complete recovery before training Taylor sprained his medial collateral ligament Dec. 19 against Green Bay and missed the final two games of the season. Tests later revealed the tear, and Taylor had arthroscopic surgery in Miami on Thursday.

Lennox Lewis wants to fight Klitschko again

LONDON — Almost a year after he retired, former world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis says he wants to get back into the ring in November to fight Vitali Klitschko, holder of the WBC title he relinquished.

Now the father of a baby daughter, Lewis told the tabloid Sunday Mirror he was tired of hearing Klitschko saying that the former champion was scared to fight him again.

The two men fought out a bloody contest in June 2003 when challenger Klitschko lost on bad cuts after dominating the champion for six rounds

That was Lewis' last fight and he was booed out of the ring after a poor performance against the Ukrainian, who demanded a rematch.

"I've had to listen to a lot of rubbish from Klitschko and he is starting to get on my nerves," said Lewis, who is now age 39 and has a 41-1-2 record.

"I'm making a comeback later

this year. I'm going to start training seriously and I'm going back to England to start sorting this out," said Lewis, who lives in Jamaica's Montego Bay.

Mayweather stops Bruseles in eight rounds

MIAMI — Floyd Mayweather Jr. took a step toward a title in a third weight class by stopping Henry Bruseles with 55 seconds left in the eighth round Saturday night

Mayweather, former WBC super featherweight and light-weight champion and pursuing a crown in the 140-pound class, was never in trouble as his quick combinations frustrated Bruseles in the scheduled 12-round bout at AmericanAirlines Arena.

While Mayweather set the tone in the fight with his speed, he used an impressive power-punching display in the eighth to send Bruseles to the canvas with a left-right combination to the head.

The Puerto Rican Bruseles (21-3-1, 13 KOs) got to his feet but Mayweather (33-0, 22 KOs) was ready with a left to the body, which set up an additional series of unanswered shots to the head.

Bruseles again fell to the canvas but again beat the 10-count.

However, Bruseles' trainer Evangelista Cotto stepped into the ring and instructed referee Jorge Alonso to stop the fight.

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The Mets' Omar Minaya, the first Hispanic general manager in Major League Baseball, has signed the two biggest names on the free-agent market this winter - pitcher Pedro Martinez (top right) and center fielder Carlos Beltran (bottom right). He is pursuing slugger Carlos Delgado. Minaya's charm, personal touch and understanding of Latino culture has been an attraction for Hispanic players.

Minaya's touch a big hit with Latino free agents

By RICARDO ZUNIGA The Associated Press SAN JUAN. Puerto Rico -

Omar Minava takes the podium. speaks a few words in English, then stops.

"Since we are in Puerto Rico," he said, "I think we should do this in Spanish."

With charm and a personal touch, the new Mets general manager convinced Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran to sign with New York's No. 2 team, rapidly remaking their image as "Los Mets." Born in the Dominican Repub-

lic and the first Hispanic GM in the major leagues, Minaya figured money alone wouldn't get the deals done with arguably the highest-profile pitcher and position player in the free-agent market.

He knew language, family val-ues and respect would be important factors, too, with his fellow Hispanics.

So Minaya decided to visit Martinez in the Dominican Republic on Thanksgiving and see Beltran in Puerto Rico earlier this month.

"The intuition of me under-

standing the culture led me to our strategy (which) was one of, 'Let's go one step further, let's go there,' " Minaya said last week in there. San Juan

Minaya met with Carlos Delgado twice last week in Puerto Rico, hoping to lure him to what Beltran christened the "new Mets

Quick work so far by Minaya, who was the Montreal Expos' GM until being hired by the Mets in the final week of last season. He now is in charge of reviving a team that went 71-91 for its third straight losing year

In Minaya, 46, the Mets got someone with his own distinctive style.

During his scouting days with the Texas Rangers, he helped sign Sammy Sosa and Juan Gonzalez. To make ends meet on his climb up in baseball, he worked all over New York, including a stint selling perfume at the Bloomingdale's counter.

"I used to do all kinds of side jobs, between working in the meat district to doing modeling," Minaya said. "I really liked being

A foreign flavor

The New York Mets are trying to become a destination for more Latin American stars.

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in the meatpacking district. We worked hard. We packed the meat, then went all over delivering it." There's no doubt he's doing

well now. Last week, he had dinner at the White House with his old boss with the Rangers - President Bush. "The fact that I'm in New York

the fact that I was raised right next to Shea Stadium, the fact that I come from immigrant parents, sometimes you step back and say, 'How did you get here?' he said

Minaya was born in Valverde, a small town in the Dominican Republic. His parents moved to New York when he was 8 and settled in Queens, a 10-minute drive from Shea Stadium. His father worked on the Brooklyn docks and his mother in a factory.

Minava says he is embarrassed by the attention and repeatedly cites his staff: Tony Bernazard Jim Duquette and John Ricco.

These guys are really the guys who do most of the work and should get most of the credit," he

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